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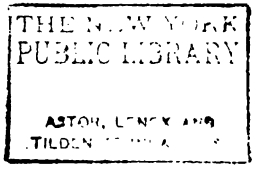
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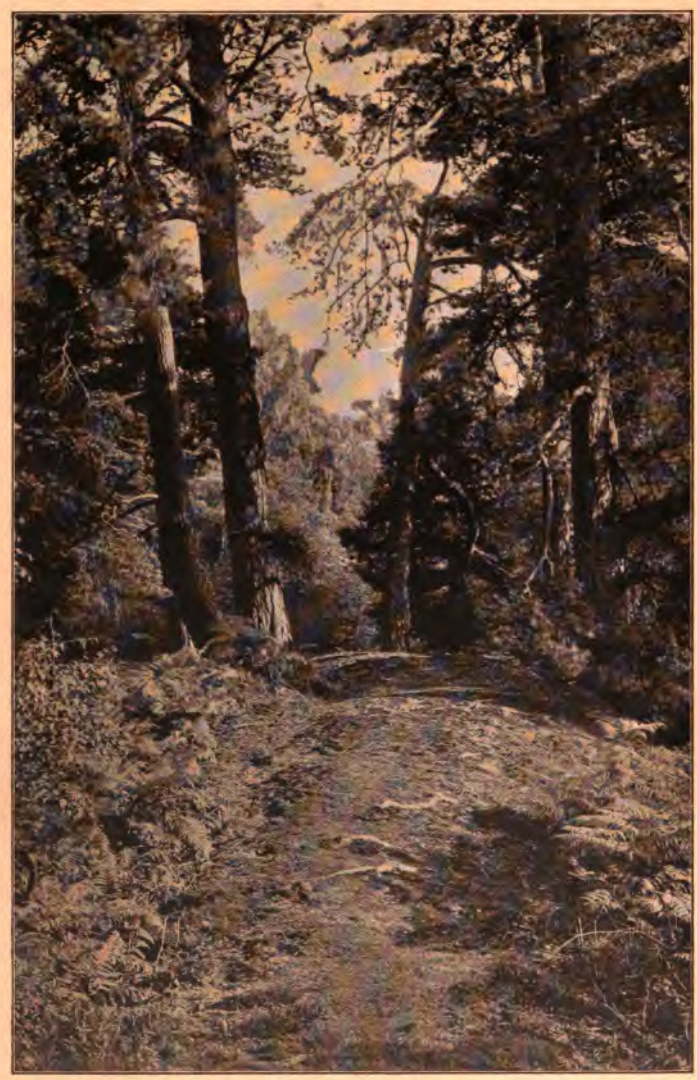

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# Preface.

THE choice of a district in which to live is of such importance that it is surprising nothing has ever been done to place in the hands of the inquirer some general guide to the residential centres in the country around London.

Since the commencement of the issue of the Homeland Handbooks, in 1897, so many applications have been made to these offices for practical advice and information that it has been deemed advisable to make an attempt to supply a demand which no existing publication appeared, adequately, to satisfy.

The plan of the work is as follows: An imaginary line has been dawn through London, from east to west, and a selection of the most desirable places south of that line will be found described in this, the first, volume; and as places of residence are sought further and further away in the interesting and beautiful country surrounding the metropolis it has been necessary to devote the space, with a few exceptions, to those places from ten to thirty miles from the various termini. Such excellent services of trains are now arranged by the great southern and western Railway Companies that a busy City man can live in the heart of rural England and yet reach his office in forty minutes.

The ground covered in this volume is served principally by the following Railways—The Great Western, with terminus at Paddington, adjoining the Metropolitan Railway; The London and South Western Railway, with terminus at Waterloo, and connected by the Electric Railway with the City; The London Brighton and South Coast Railway, with City station at London Bridge and the West End terminus at Victoria; The South Eastern and Chatham Railway, with City stations at London Bridge, Cannon Street, Ludgate Hill, and Holborn, and West End stations at Victoria and Charing Cross. The sketch plans of the railway systems will be found useful.

The book endeavours to give satisfactory answers to the following questions :—

Where is the place referred to?
By what Line is it served?
How much does a Season Ticket cost?
What are the average Rents and local Rates?
What is the price of Gas and of Electric Light?
What is the character of the Subsoil?
Is the district healthy?
What sort of country is there close at hand?
What Schools and Places of Worship are there?
What Golf Links and other means of recreation are there in the neighbourhood?

In each section with very few exceptions will be found the name of a reliable local Estate Agent. Care has been taken in the selection, and each Agent mentioned will do his best to suit the requirements of the searcher for a new home. Will it be too much to ask that this volume be mentioned when writing for particulars of Houses to Let?

Where a Homeland Handbook has been issued, describing fully any particular district, it is referred to and will be found to illustrate and deal with its subject very exhaustively.

The greatest care has been taken in collecting this information, and in every case it has been checked by some one in authority in the district. We must thank the many Town Clerks and Clerks to the District Councils who have helped us in this matter. We are also indebted to the "Golfers' Handbook" published by the Golf Agency and to the "Golf Greens of England, Ireland, and Wales," published by the *Field*, for much useful information regarding the Golf Clubs in the vicinity of London, also to "The Municipal Year Book 1905" (Edward Lloyd) for notes upon municipal undertakings. We do not expect that this, the first edition, will be perfect, and shall welcome any kind suggestion that may help us to make further issues more useful and complete.

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# An Account of the Geology and Subsoils of the Country on the Southern Side of London.

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*A Geological Map (printed in colours) of the Area dealt with will be found in the cloth edition of this volume (price 2s. 6d. net).*

EVEN among persons not acquainted with geology, there can hardly fail to be a desire for knowledge respecting the great beds of clay, sand, and chalk which extend over the south-east of our country, and may be seen in sequential order in the cliffs of the south and south-east coasts.

The object of this chapter is to assist such inquirers, as well as others who may be seeking a healthful locality in which to reside; and it may be premised for the benefit of the non-scientific reader that the land surface of every country, and the ground beneath, as a whole, have been formed by accumulations, in which water has been the principal transporting agent.

In the district proposed to be reviewed, the beds are all more recent in the order of deposition than the harder rocks near the surface further westward, and these comparatively modern deposits are, in many places, masked by a much more recent spread of gravel or loam, which marks the course of ancient streams. The accumulation of soil by the decay of vegetation, by atmospheric action, rainwash, and other agencies, while it facilitates the work of the agriculturist, also tends to lessen the differences of surface aspect. So that it is difficult for an inexperienced observer, without assistance, to form a correct estimate of the nature of the subsoil.

beds were removed, the "London Clay" would be in evidence at the surface over the northern half of our area, and very far beyond. In the neighbourhood of Windsor its thickness is somewhat less than 400 ft. Under London the thickness is greater, and it gradually increases eastward. The texture of the clay is uniformly fine throughout, only becoming loamy quite near to the top and bottom. It lies in a trough formed by the chalk, and, before the geology of the London basin was known, many futile attempts were made to get water by sinking shafts in this enormous mass of clay, without going through to the water-bearing beds below. Some of the deserted shafts were covered up and forgotten, and when accidentally reopened after many years, water was found which had entered from above through fissures.

As in process of time this had dissolved various mineral substances from the clay, it possessed qualities which were considered to be of medicinal value. Several of these old wells, in and around London, became famous; and not until some patients had been poisoned by impurities which also had penetrated from above, did these "health resorts" become discredited and neglected.

This reminds us that Epsom Salt (sulphate of magnesia) was first obtained from the London clay at Epsom. Hence the name.

## Oldhaven and Blackheath Beds.

These consist almost entirely of well-rounded black flint pebbles and sand, or of light-coloured quartz sand alone. They extend from Croydon to Oldhaven Gap, near Herne Bay. Westward, the pebbly condition prevails, as is well seen at Croydon, Shirley, Blackheath, and Chislehurst. Further eastward there are fewer pebbles with more sand. This formation is much more limited in range than the beds next above and below, and it is suggestive of a sea-beach, on which the flint fragments were well rolled and rounded. The presence, at Bromley and elsewhere, of thick layers of oyster shells in connection with the pebbles, shows that submarine banks were also formed near the shore.

No more delightful or healthful localities can be found than those in which these beds are at or near the surface, owing to the facility which they afford for natural drainage.

### Woolwich and Reading Beds.

These consist of irregular alternations of mottled clay and light-coloured sand. Sections exposed to view indicate that the materials were deposited in a shallow sea in which existed strong and sometimes conflicting currents, and other varying conditions.

### Thanet Sand.

From the parti-coloured clays and sand just mentioned, the next in order is a bed of light grey quartzose sand, tinted here and there by iron and greenish grains.

The distinctive name has been given because this sand is well seen in some parts of the Thanet cliffs. Large exposures of it occur in the railway cuttings near St. Mary Cray and Swanley. This bed rests directly on the chalk, and it is noticeable that just above the junction, there is a band of unworn flints, stained green on the surface by the dissolution of the glauconitic grains in the sand.

A probable explanation of the presence of this flint bed is that the chalk in which the flints were embedded has been dissolved and carried away, leaving them behind. It is very remarkable that the Thanet sand, and indeed all the coarse sands of this district, consist almost entirely of quartz grains. The presence of flint particles therein is extremely doubtful, notwithstanding the proximity of much flint-bearing chalk. The reason is that the quartz grains are the hard residuum of older rocks, while the flint fragments were readily pulverised.

### Chalk.

This massive bed of soft and nearly pure limestone is so well known that little need be said of it here. The conditions under which it was deposited will be noticed later. Owing to its relative hardness, it forms hills and "downs," thereby adding considerably to the picturesqueness of the country. It is also healthful, inasmuch as it quickly absorbs surface moisture. For that reason, it does not favour the growth of trees, except where gravel or clay is also present.

### Upper Greensand.

Following the curve of the grand natural amphitheatre around the Wealden area, this sandy bed crops

out from beneath the chalk for the greater part of the extensive sweep. In several places it contains sandstone and firestone, which are extensively quarried; and under cultivation, it forms very fertile soil. As water is easily obtainable in this formation, being held up by the gault below, many villages mark its outcrop; while the chalk and clay near by, where water can only be obtained with difficulty and at great expense, are only sparsely inhabited.

### Gault.

Next in order comes this bed of unctuous blue clay, which has always been of great interest to geologists, because of the abundance of fossils which it yields. It forms flat tracts of heavy, but not unproductive soil. The term "Gault" is a provincial synonym for clay.

### Lower Greensand.

Some of the most charming scenery of the south of England is found on the rather wide outcrop of this formation on the margin of the Weald.

For natural beauty, pure air, extensive panoramas over lovely country, and absolute freedom from stagnant water in the subsoil, this district cannot be surpassed. These features have already attracted a large residential population. Starting from the coast at Folkestone, we find for about twenty miles along the line of the Lower Greensand the other large towns of Ashford, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Reigate, Redhill, and Dorking; while on the clay districts on both sides, the population is small and scattered.

Large residences are steadily becoming more numerous in wild and romantic spots, which, as at Hindhead, happily retain much of their primeval rusticity. The beds of this series can be advantageously studied in the cliffs at Folkestone.

It may be added that the Lower Greensand is of high economic importance as a source of water supply to places situate on higher formations.

### Wealden Beds.

Passing on to the centre of the Weald we next notice the bed of clay distinguished by that name. This "Weald Clay" has a wide spread, and its thickness under Leith Hill has been estimated at 1000 feet. Most of it lies relatively

low, as clays often do, and the soil is naturally heavy; but notwithstanding this, it forms good pasture land.

In former days large oak forests flourished in the Weald, whence indeed the name, which is Anglo-Saxon for forest or "wold." The railway from Ashford to Reigate runs along the level course of this formation. Nevertheless it has attracted but a scanty population in its vicinity. It should be mentioned that the Weald Clay contains bands of limestone, known as "Sussex" or "Petworth Marble," largely composed of the remains of fresh-water molluscs (*Vivipara fluviorum*, &c.). This stone was formerly much used for general building purposes, and especially in the interior of churches. The polished altar stairs in Canterbury Cathedral are of this material.

## Tunbridge Wells Sand.

Near the centre of the Weald, this bed appears at the surface, and pleasantly diversifies the scenery, improving also the general conditions.

The popularity of Tunbridge Wells as a health resort is in great measure due to the sand and sandstone which form the rocks at Mount Ephraim and other places.

## Hastings Beds.

With a few small and inconsiderable exceptions, these are the lowest, and therefore the oldest, deposits which are visible in the area under consideration. They consist of sand, with subordinate beds of clay and ironstone. Besides being well shown in the cliffs at Hastings, they extend over a large portion of the Wealden area, and attain a thickness of 700 ft. From these beds was obtained the ore which furnished the raw material for the iron industry which flourished here for centuries.

The cannon which were used against the Spanish Armada were cast in this mining centre, and the railings which surround St. Paul's Cathedral were made at Lamberhurst. When the fuel derived from the vast Wealden forests had been consumed, these ironworks could not successfully compete with those that had coal close at hand. It is possible that the discovery of coal and ironstone at Dover may yet bring about a change in that district which will considerably alter the present fair aspect

of nature, and create a renewed demand for the ironstone of the Weald.

Having thus briefly noticed all the formations which, in oblique order, are visible at the surface in the area to which attention is confined, the imagination is now called upon to reconstruct by induction from known facts, the physical conditions existing therein in bygone days.

First of all, it is necessary that all ideas of the present distribution of land and water be dismissed from the mind. Starting, then, from the lowest beds, we find evidence that their materials were conveyed by, and deposited in, fresh water. We are thus compelled to think of a large lake extending wherever the Wealden Beds are now found, or have been. Their thickness shows that while they were being laid down the whole district was being slowly depressed.

There was then no English Channel; and as this fresh-water lake had a lateral extent of about 200 miles, its eastward shore was situate in what is now part of France.

Its average breadth has been estimated at 70 miles, and therefore it may have had a superficial area of about 14,000 square miles. Probably it was much larger.

Around this lake grew trees and ferns of somewhat different form from those of modern times. Strange-looking animals roamed along its banks and in the surrounding forests. The largest of these was the Iguanodon, which sometimes attained a length of 60 ft. It was herbivorous, and from its structure could easily browse upon the foliage of lofty trees. While a great thickness of mud was accumulating in the lake, subsidence was going on, until at last there was an influx of the sea. The rush of salt water brought sudden destruction to the fresh-water animals, and their remains were silted up in the clay which forms the base of the Greensand. After this, other fluctuations took place, causing sand to be deposited at one time, and clay at another. In this way the various divisions of this particular series were formed. Some of the mud then deposited now serves a useful purpose as "fuller's earth."

From this clayey bed is obtained baryta, which is the heaviest of all known earths, and is a poison. In the sea, wherein accumulated the sand which now forms numerous heaths and commons, lived great fish-like lizards,

such as the Ichthyosaurus, a most formidable monster, which may be described as something between a crocodile and a shark. Depression was still going on, and from more distant land was brought the mud now consolidated into clay.

While the Upper Greensand was being deposited, the downward movement was arrested for a time, and then renewed with increased energy. The water deepened, the nearest land became more distant, and a smaller proportion of earthy matter reached our district. Eventually the sea became an ocean, having its chief extent east and west. In this lived animals which made use of the lime in solution therein for the construction of their inner or outer skeletons. As these creatures died, the calcareous material settled in the ocean bed, and thus the vast mass of the chalk was slowly built up, a considerable proportion being found to consist of fragments of the tiny shells of Foraminifera. The flints in the chalk represent the fossil residuum of siliceous sponges, diatoms, and other minute forms of oceanic life.

The colour of the chalk shows that deposition took place so far from land that no appreciable waste therefrom could reach it to sully its whiteness.

How utterly different from the present must have been the aspect of nature hereabout during the immensely long period of this slow aggregation! Its full extent can only with difficulty be estimated.

There came a time when further deposition was checked by an upward movement which resulted in the chalk ocean-bed becoming dry land, and consequently subject to the action of destructive forces.

After an interval of unknown extent, marine conditions again prevailed, and a large river deposited the light coloured sand of the Thanet Beds. Then, owing to further alterations, the water became brackish, and the variable beds of the Woolwich and Reading series were laid down in shallower water, which is well indicated by the impressions of leaves of ferns and other land plants near the base.

Yet another change of level brought larger masses of chalk above the water level. These were continually fretted by wave action, and the washed-out flints were broken up and rounded along an extensive coast line, indicated by the Oldhaven and Blackheath Beds.

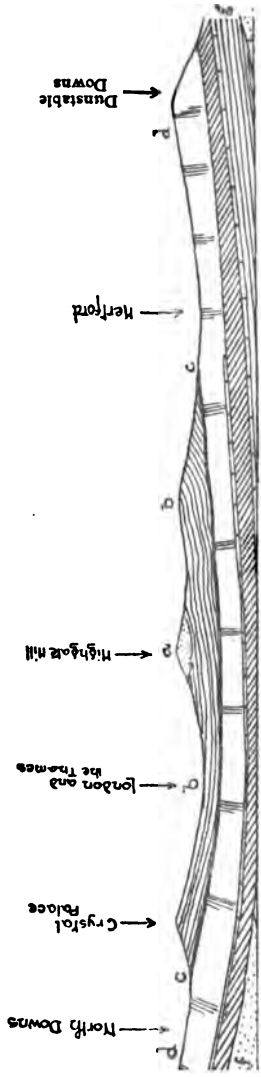



FIG. 2.

General Section across the London Basin showing the eocene beds occupying the depression of the great chalk deposit (see Fig. 1).

a Bagshot Beds.
b London Clay.
c Oldhaven, Woolwich, and Thanet Beds.
d Chalk.
e Upper Greensand and Gault.
f Lower Greensand.
g Wealden Clay.

Another subsidence took place, and deeper water flowed once more, such being normal incidents of geological history. A large river draining a continent extending westward deposited much mud at a considerable distance from land. This went on all over the geographical area shown by our map, and very much further beyond. On the land, through which the river flowed, palms and other forms of tropical vegetation flourished in great abundance and variety. Inhabiting the warm water were crocodiles, alligators, sharks, and many species of marine fishes and molluscs allied to those found in tropical seas at the present day. Numerous turtles, of several different species, deposited their eggs on the sandy beach. The remains of one of the animals found by the writer indicate a Chelonian far larger than any previously or since known to

science. Its enormous skull can be seen labelled *Esophargis gigas* in the Reptilian Gallery at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington. Sea-snakes of great size also lived then, and, as no earlier ophidian has been found, Sir Richard Owen applied to them the generic name of Palæophis (Old Serpent).

Hereabout in those days existed birds allied to the Albatross and the Frigate Bird, capable of prolonged periods of flight. One of these (also found by the writer) *Argillornis longipennis*, stood 6 ft. high, and had a wing spread of 30 ft.!

These conditions prevailed while the London clay, to the extent of 400 to 500 ft., was being laid down. Then began another uplift which caused shallower water; and by degrees the material deposited became coarser, and the beds known as the Bagshot were accumulated, probably to a thickness of several hundred feet, of which but little, either in extent or depth, remains in the area under consideration.

Owing to limitations of space, many interesting details are of necessity omitted from this geological sketch. Yet it seems very desirable that an attempt should be made to explain the presence of the old Wealden beds at the surface over a great part of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex, where they are surrounded at higher levels by the bold escarpments of the Greensand and the Chalk.

The Wealden beds here were originally covered by the Greensand, Chalk, and Eocene deposits; but a subsequent flexure of the Earth's crust caused a long dome-like uprise, the axis of which was along the centre of the Weald, thus bringing all those rocks above sea-level. Rivers cut out their channels on both sides of this elevated district, and returned much soil to the sea from which it had but recently emerged. Then, in Eocene times, the sea gained access to this area, and by degrees cut it down, thereby forming what is called "a plain of marine denudation." But elevation went on, and again rivers flowed from the centre of the Weald, north and south, in the old channels which had been excavated in the chalk and other beds. As the land rose higher and rainfall increased, the rivers deepened their valleys, and carried larger quantities of material seaward. Only in this way can we satisfactorily account for the great breaches in the Chalk escarpment

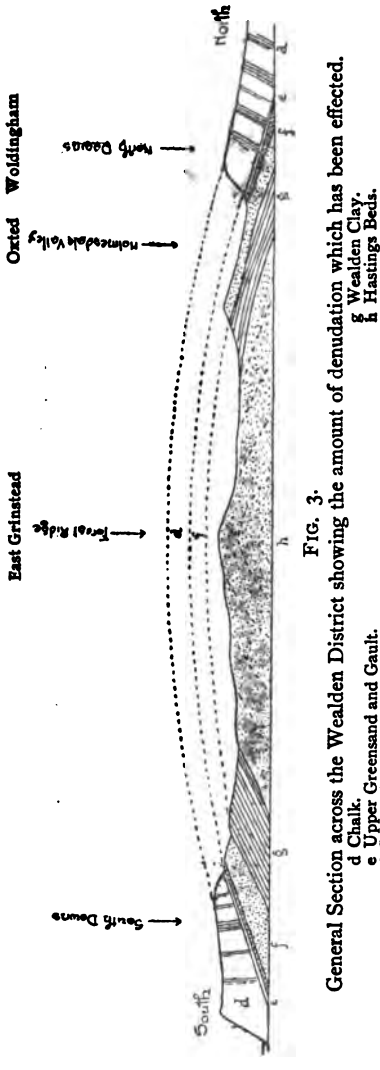



FIG. 3.
General Section across the Wealden District showing the amount of denudation which has been effected.
d Chalk.
e Upper Greensand and Gault.
f Lower Greensand.
g Wealden Clay.
h Hastings Beds.

through which now flow the Stour, Medway, Darent, Mole, and Wey on the north, and the Cuckmere, Adur, and Arun on the south. The excavations must have been begun when higher ground existed in the centre of the Weald.

From the continued flow of the rivers, and the action of frost and rain on the clay and sand (no longer protected by the harder chalk), has resulted the present varied configuration of the surface.

The clay has worn ordinarily into level tracts; the sand and sandstone have formed sharply contrasting lofty ridges and undulations of great beauty.

The chalk now existing north and south of the Weald did not participate so much in the uplift, and consequently suffered much less from erosion; and being harder than the beds next below it, forms to-day the breezy elevated districts of the North and South Downs.

After this explanation respecting the Weald, we now have to consider what was the state of things hereabouts when much gravel and brick-earth was spread out in many places over the other formations.

Evidently marine conditions no longer prevailed in this

area. At the close of the Eocene division of the Tertiary Period, the land in this part became elevated and consequently exposed to wear and tear, while a compensating depression submerged that part of the North Sea which is known as the Dogger Bank.

The effect of the land erosion is seen in the sandbanks which make the approach to the Thames so difficult. The estuary into which the Thames flows is not the result of erosion directly, but of the easterly depression referred to above.

The finer particles borne in suspension by rivers are always carried to a considerable distance into the sea; but the deposits with which we are now concerned are only such as a river accumulates in its channel, or spreads over the land in time of flood. They consist of alluvial soil or silt, loam, brick-earth, and gravel.

The dominant feature of this district is, of course, the Thames, with its numerous tributaries—the Darent, Cray, Lea, Colne, Wandle, Brent, Wey, etc., giving names to various towns, such as Dartford, Crayford, Wandsworth, etc.

At the time when our history commences, the Thames tapped part of what now is the Severn Valley, and flowed (itself a tributary) into a larger river. Its ancient channel was commonly two or three miles wide, and in places its floods extended to a width of ten miles.

The market gardens and brickfields west of London are an evidence of this. A great part of London has, in fact, been built from the spoils of the old river.

In its earlier and more active stage, the river brought down a coarse gravel very largely composed of pebbles of quartzite, quartz, grit, etc. These were derived from a conglomerate of Triassic age, which occurs in Worcestershire, Staffordshire, and the neighbouring counties; and on the breaking up of these old gravels, the familiar cobble-stones were washed into lower levels.

Now, these gravel deposits (or a part of them at least) have an interesting story to tell; for in them, up to a height of 120 ft. and more above the present river surface, are found in great quantity the stone tools and weapons of Early Man, associated with the bones and teeth of animals, either extinct or not known in this country, such as the mammoth, great ox, musk ox, woolly rhinoceros, etc. The mammoth was clothed with long hair and had curved tusks 15 ft. in

length. These stone weapons have been found all along the course of the Thames as far east as Herne Bay, embedded in the gravel, and many have been found in London itself. In fact, the first one was found at Gray's Inn, nearly two centuries ago. Working sites, where man chipped his tools, have been found at Stoke Newington and at Crayford.

The weapons belong to the Palæolithic, or Ancient Stone Age—a stage at which man was ignorant of the art of working metals, or of even improving his tools by grinding. Nevertheless, he had the faculty of chipping flint in perfection, and many of the specimens are beautifully formed. Later on he made polished axes, as is done by the Papuans and others at the present day.

But beside these gravels which lie on the slopes of the present river valleys, there is another and older kind of gravel unconnected with any river system now existing. Such gravel, for instance, is found in the country around Bagshot, forming the characteristic "ridges" and always occupying the highest ground in the district. This seems strange in a deposit which was once at the lowest level, as the bed of a river or water-way; but it is evident that the compacted gravel, by its greater power of resisting rain action, has preserved the ground on which it rested, while the surrounding soft beds have been carried away. St. George's Hill, near Weybridge, is an example of this kind. In these gravel deposits there have occasionally been found small flat stones worn at one side into a hollow; and it is suggested that these were used as tools by a race of men who were unacquainted with the art of chipping flint.

The interpretation to be given to particular specimens is, of course, open to discussion; but the term Eolithic—to distinguish a stage in man's education somewhat older than the Palæolithic—has evidently come to stay, since it is obvious that the art of chipping stone must have been slowly acquired. Similar hollowed stones have also been found, at or near the surface, in the neighbourhood of Ightham, in Kent, and at considerable elevations on the chalk plateau.

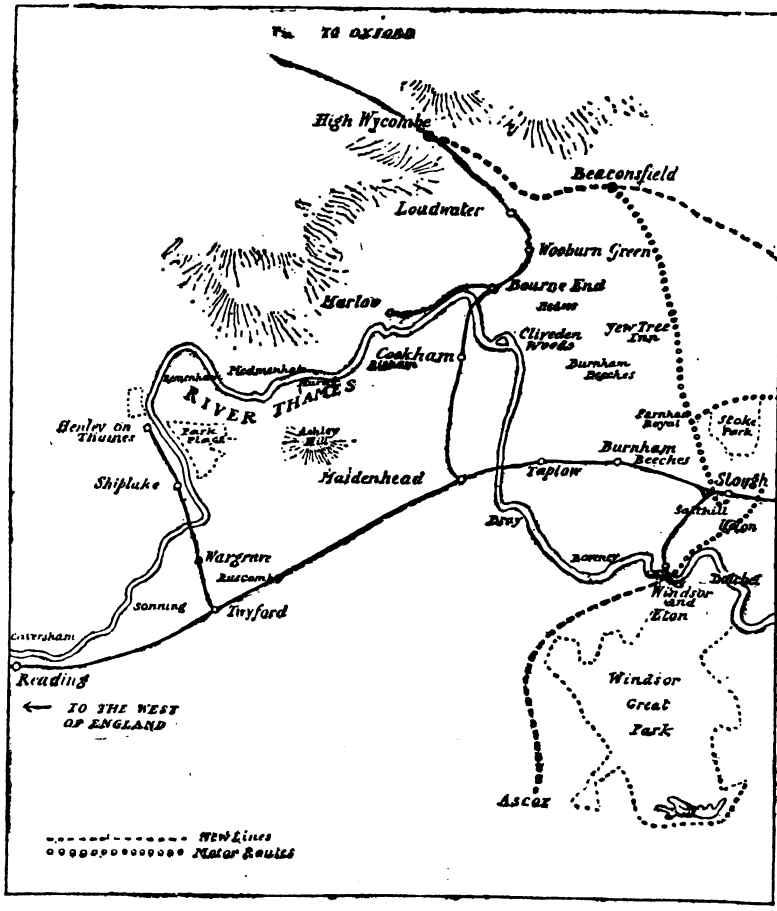
From the deep ochreous staining of the surface of these stones, it has been inferred that they have been derived from an ancient gravel which has been entirely swept away, along with the beds below it, by denudation, and that therefore they must be of very great age. Associated with

them are sometimes also found chipped tools of the Palæolithic type.

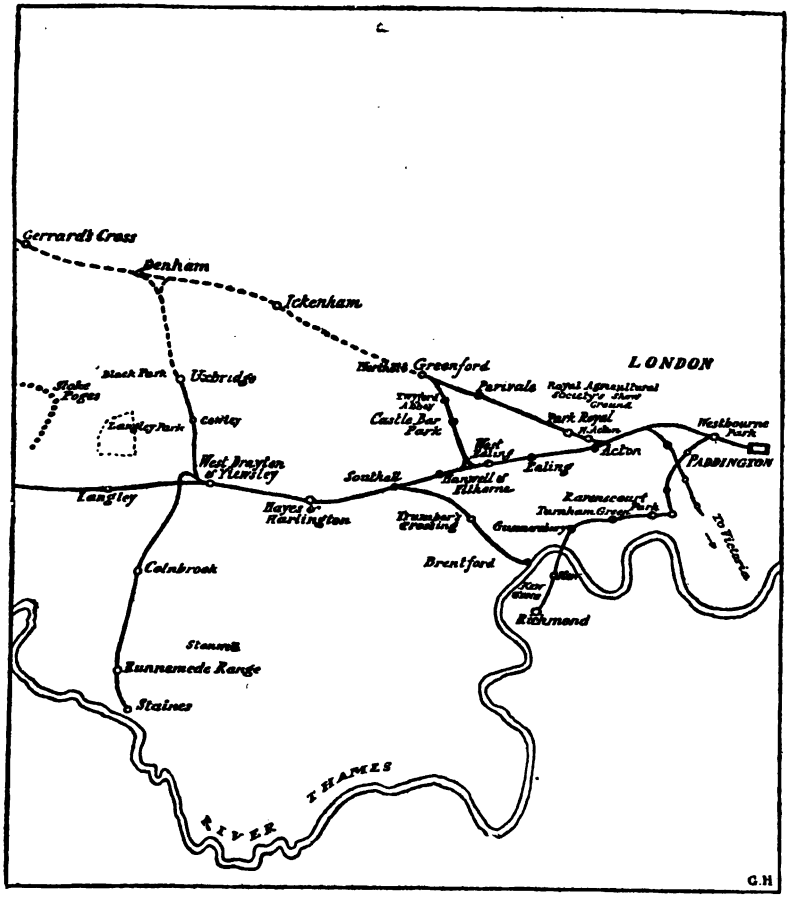
Another indication of vast transformations in this district is afforded by a deposit around Finchley, and in many other places to north and east, known as Boulder Clay, from its containing fragments of chalk and other rocks. This clay is, in fact, part of the moraine of a large glacier, and it extends over a large area in the eastern counties.

It is the result of the grinding action of moving ice on the rocks over which it passed. This indication of great severity of climate, in what is known as the Ice Age, appeals vividly to the imagination; yet some of the gravels herein described may be as old, or even older.

We are now happily reconciled to the fact of the antiquity of man. We have come to see that knowledge is not weakness, but power; and evolution has taught us to rejoice in the recognition of that solidarity which connects man with other forms of life, and unites the present with the past.




*Sketch Plan of the Eastern portion of the Great Western Railway.*




*showing the Districts served by the Company.*

# Acton, Middlesex.

THE districts of Acton and East Acton have altered very considerably in character during the last decade. Lying midway between Shepherd's Bush and the Borough of Ealing, they now unite the suburban district of Hammersmith with the latter town. The Uxbridge Road is the main artery connecting the three.

Acton is in possession of some fine pleasure grounds and open spaces which will ever be of benefit to the district, and in addition the large expanse of Ealing Common is within a short walk.

Along the Uxbridge Road run the cars of the London United Tramway Co., whose service extends to Uxbridge from the Tube Station at Shepherd's Bush.

There are several large estates now in course of being opened up, and houses of a good class, moderate in size, of pleasing elevation, and excellently fitted are rapidly being erected, the better class of house being, as usual, at the west end of the district. Owing to the wooded character and open situation of some of these estates, residents enjoy many of the advantages of rural surroundings. Splendid public baths have been erected, and the Passmore Edwards Free Library is situated in the main road.

In addition to the many recreative clubs and institutions to be found in the district, there is easy access by rail and road to such places of interest as Kew, Richmond, Twickenham, and other riverside resorts, where boating of all kinds may be enjoyed; while to the cyclist the country to the north, south, and west is traversed by good roads, and many places of historical and antiquarian interest will be found within an easy ride.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Acton is served by the Great Western, the South Eastern and Chatham, the North London, and the District Railway Companies. The City stations are Paddington (Great Western Railway), Victoria (South Eastern and Chatham Railway), Broad Street (North London Railway), Whitechapel and Mansion House (District Railway). The Central London Railway terminus at Shepherd's Bush is a penny tram ride from Acton.

The FARES are as follows, from :—

| | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Paddington ... | -/8 | -/5 | -/4 | 1/- | -/8 | -/6 |
| Victoria ... | 1/1 | -/9 | -/7 | 1/8 | 1/1 | -/10 |
| Broad Street | 1/- | -/8 | -/6 | 1/6 | 1/- | -/9 |
| Whitechapel... | -/9 | -/7 | -/5 | 1/2 | -/9 | -/8 |
| Mansion House | -/7 | -/5 | -/4 | -/11 | -/7 | -/6 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

| | 1ST Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paddington ... | £7 10s. | £5 15s. | £4 12s. |

RENTS.—Moderate.

RATES.—Poor Rate, 3s. 10d.; General District Rate, 4s. in the £. GAS, 2s. 9d. per 1000 ft. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5d. per B.T. unit.

SUBSOIL.—Chiefly gravel.

ALTITUDE.—30 to 75 ft.

DEATH RATE.—11 per 1000.

POPULATION.—55,000 (estimated).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Acton Collegiate School; Principal, H. M. Coules. Acton Commercial College; Principal, E. C. Sunnack, F.R.G.S. Springfield College; Principal, H. Waymouth, F.S.Sc. Lond. GIRLS: Haberdashers Company's Schools; Principal, Miss Margaret A. Gilliland, M.A. Lond.; and in course of erection the Acton County School for Boys.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—The Parish Church, St. Mary's, High Street; St. Dunstan's, at East Acton, and St. Martin's, at South Acton. There is also a Roman Catholic Church, and Wesleyan, Baptist, and Congregational Chapels.

RECREATIONS.—Golf Club; 18 holes; Secretary, Thos. B. Earle, Clubstones, East Acton. Cricket, football, and tennis clubs, with excellent grounds. Political and social clubs. Acton Parliament, meeting at Steyne Mission Hall; and Ealing and Shepherd's Bush Theatres, within a short tram ride.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT ACTON:—

*Estate Agents*—C. RAWLEY CROSS & Co., Broadway House, High Street (opposite the Church).

*Laundry*—Mrs. PERRY, Mayfield Laundry, Park Road, N.

*Builders and Contractors*—W. DALEY & Co., 8, Twyford Avenue.

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# Ascot, Sunningdale, and Bracknell, Berkshire.

THE name of Royal Ascot will generally bring to mind the famous race-course, the most attractive in the country, and the Annual Meeting for which it has so long been noted; but Ascot and its surroundings should be known to all who are fond of wild nature and beautiful country.

The 300 square miles situated to the south and south-west of Windsor Great Park is, without a doubt, one of the most healthy areas of England. Consisting principally of open common lands and pine woods with a light sandy and therefore absorbent soil, the district is an ideal place of residence for any who have a tendency to pulmonary trouble.

Sunningdale, Ascot, and Bracknell are, in the order named, situated on the Reading branch of the London and South Western Railway—Ascot being the junction with the line to Aldershot. Fast trains take 45 minutes in reaching Waterloo. The two former places have for their parent Parish the old hamlet of Sunninghill, which has a fine old church and contains many beautiful residences.

Within short distances of all three places is the Great Park of Windsor, with its attractive surroundings, including Virginia Water, and a noble section of the Thames. To the south-east lies Chobham Common, to the south Bagshot Heath, and the pine-studded plateau of the Bagshot sand area, crossed by open roads in every direction which are always in a perfect cycling condition. Many of these roads are of Roman origin, and the area is dominated by one of the numerous large intrenched camps established by the forces of Cæsar to guard their main lines of communication.

In the vicinity of Bagshot and in the park of that name is the residence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS.—Ascot Station, with its four broad platforms, is situated amid the pine-covered hills between Ascot town and South Ascot. A broad asphalted path leads from the station to the entrance and grandstand of the famous race-course.

FARES TO WATERLOO :—

| | 1st Class | 2nd Class | 3rd Class |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 4/3 | 2/8 | 2/1½ |
| RETURN ... | 7/6 | 4/8 | 4/3 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—*Via* Staines : 1st class, £26; 2nd class, £19 10s. per annum; 3rd class, £3 18s. quarterly. *Via* Staines and Woking : 1st class, £29; 2nd class, £21 15s., per annum ; 3rd class, £4 7s. quarterly.

RENTS.—Vary according to position.

RATES.—Ascot (including Sunninghill), 2s. 8d.; Sunningdale, about 4s.; and Bracknell, 8s. in the £. GAS, 4s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Sand and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—250 to 400 feet.

DEATH RATE.—About 12 per 1000.

POPULATION.—(1901) Ascot, 1927 ; Sunningdale, 2479.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Earlywoods ; Principal, Miss Sandwith. GIRLS : Heathfield School; Principal, Miss Wyatt. St. George's ; Principal, Miss Pakenham-Walsh.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—All Saints; All Souls, South Ascot; St. Michael and All Angels, Sunninghill ; Holy Trinity, Sunningdale ; and Baptist, Wesleyan, and Roman Catholic Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Royal Ascot Golf Club, Ascot Heath : 18 holes ; Secretary, E. P. Lucas, The Warren, Ascot ; splendid sandy course, no crossing ; subscription, £2 2s. ; entrance £3 3s. Ladies' Ascot Golf Club. St. George's Gymnasium Golf Club. Sunningdale Golf Club ; 18 holes ; one of the finest courses in the kingdom, with a very large membership and splendid breezy links ; Secretary, H. S. Colt. Football, National Rifle Club, Croquet Club, hunting with staghounds and Mr. Garth's Foxhounds.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT ASCOT :—

*House Agents*—CHANCELLOR & SONS, The Station, Ascot.
*Furniture Removers, etc.*—LAWRENCES STORES, Ltd., Ascot.
*General Stores*—LAWRENCES STORES, Ltd., Ascot.
*Dairy Farmers, etc.*—MINCHIN BROS., The Farm, Ascot.

*See page* 195.

# Ashtead, Surrey.

A CHARACTERISTIC little Surrey village, situated about two miles from Leatherhead, between that town and Epsom, and about sixteen miles from the City. It is rapidly coming into favour as a residential district, owing principally to the great beauty of its surroundings and the excellence of its train service. The station being jointly used by the London and South Western and London, Brighton, and South Coast Railways, trains are frequent. Waterloo is reached in twenty-five minutes, London Bridge or Victoria in about forty minutes.

The place has developed remarkably during the last few years; a fact which is occasionally deplored, as it must tend to a disappearance of many rural features. Many, however, still remain, and will continue to add a charm to a district now being rapidly converted into one of the prettiest residential centres in this part of Surrey.

The surroundings are similar to those of Leatherhead; what has been written in the Epsom and Leatherhead section respecting the roads on the Downs and the surrounding districts applies equally to Ashtead. The Park is beautifully timbered, and contains a herd of deer. It is within two minutes' walk of the centre of the village. The Church, dedicated to St. Giles, is practically in the Park, and is not easily visible from a distance; it is interesting to the Ecclesiologist.

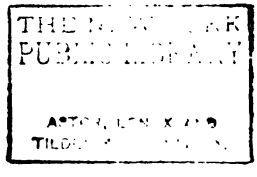
The Roman Road, Ermyn Street, runs to the east of the Park from Mickleham towards Epsom Downs, and Roman remains have been found near the Church. Roman tiles may be seen built into the arch of a window, now closed up, in the north wall.

Ashtead Woods, in close proximity to the village, is one of the finest remaining fragments of the Saxon Forest. The woods comprise part of the common land of Ashtead, and are thus open to the public. An intrenchment of probably Roman origin, and about three acres in extent, is hidden among the trees.

An inn in the village street bears the curious sign "Ye Legge of Muttone and ye Cauliflower."

For further particulars of the surrounding district, see Homeland Handbooks for Epsom and Dorking, Nos, 17 and 44 of the series.

*From a drawing by*] **A Surrey Highway, near Ashtead.** [GORDON HOME.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RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—L. & S. W. and L. B. & S. C. Railway lines to Waterloo, London Bridge, and Victoria.

FARES to London Bridge, Victoria, or Waterloo :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 2/6 | 1/8 | 1/4 |
| RETURN ... | 3/6 | 2/9 | 2/6 |

| SEASON-TICKET RATES :— | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. |
|---|---|---|
| L. & S. W. to Waterloo ... | £19 10 0 | £13 13 0 |
| L. B. & S. C. to London Bridge and Victoria ... | 19 10 0 | 13 13 0 |
| Joint Tickets ... ... | 21 10 0 | 15 10 0 |

RENTS.—There are very many pretty modern detached residences, in nearly every case with a spacious garden, at rents ranging from £40 to £140.

RATES.—5s. 6d. in the £. GAS, 3s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. per Board of Trade unit for private houses, 5½d. per unit for shops.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk, gravel, and, on the lower ground, clay.

ALTITUDE.—From 100 to 300 ft.

DISTANCE FROM LONDON.—16 miles.

POPULATION.—2500 (Est.).

SPORTS AND RECREATIONS.—The Ashtead tennis, cricket, and football clubs share a very extensive and well-kept playing field in the centre of the village. A small golf links is laid out next the common.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—The Parish Church of St. Giles. There is also a Mission Church at Lower Ashtead where a new permanent Church is shortly to be erected.

IMPORTANT SCHOOLS.—GIRLS: Parsons Mead ; Principal, Miss Elliston.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT ASHTEAD :—

*Estate Agent*—CHARLES OSENTON, F.S.I., F.A.I., Station Approach, Ashtead ; and at Epsom and Leatherhead.

*Brewer*—GEORGE SAYER, The Brewery, Ashtead.

*Motor Manufacturers*—CRAWSHAY-WILLIAMS, LD., Ashtead.

*Dairy*—THE BARNETT WOOD DAIRY COMPANY, High Street, Ashtead, and at Leatherhead.

*See page* 196.

# Barnes, Surrey.

BARNES is distant only seven miles from Waterloo on the London and South Western Railway, it is also connected by omnibus route with the District Railway at Hammersmith, and has a good service of omnibuses from the City and West End.

The soil consists chiefly of gravel and sand, and a few years ago the whole system of drainage was entirely relaid on the most approved principles, and is found to work most efficiently. The death rate is low, being for 1904 about 10·5. One of the principal attractions is the beautiful common of about 120 acres in extent, preserved for the public by Act of Parliament. Heather and gorse abound on its breezy tract. Kew Gardens, Putney Heath, and Wimbledon Common are also within easy walking distance. There is an extensive river frontage, and the advantages for boating are many. The loop of the river of which Barnes Common is the base, constitutes the greater part of the Oxford and Cambridge race-course from Putney to Mortlake. The headquarters of the Ranelagh Club are in the old manor-house and grounds of Barn Elms, once the home of the famous Kit-Cat Club. Richmond Park, with its magnificent trees is an attractive feature of the neighbourhood. The poet Cowley lived in the park in 1663, and was visited there by Pepys.

The Church of St. Mary, principally dating from the fifteenth century, is built of stone and flint, and has an Early English chancel. The registers date from 1538.

Well-built houses with all modern conveniences are to be obtained from £30 upwards.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—From Waterloo by the London and South Western Railway, and Ludgate Hill *viâ* Herne Hill.

FARES :—

| | Waterloo. | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
| SINGLE | ... 9d. | 7d. | 6d. |
| RETURN | ... 1/- | 10d. | 8d. |
| | Ludgate Hill. | | |
| SINGLE | ... 1/- | 10d. | 8d. |
| RETURN | ... 1/6 | 1/3 | 1/- |

SEASON-TICKET RATES.—Waterloo : 1st class, £12 ; 2nd class, £9 per annum ; 3rd class, £1 16s. quarterly.

RENTS.—From £30 per annum.

RATES.—6s. 5d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel.

ALTITUDE.—About 24 ft.

DEATH RATE.—10·5.

POPULATION.—17,822 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Beverley School ; Principal, J. C. Stevens. GIRLS : High School ; Principal, Miss Elliott-Lynn.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's (parish), St. Michael and All Angels', Holy Trinity, Baptist, and Wesleyan.

RECREATIONS. — Boating, cricket, football ; Ranelagh Golf Club, secretary, John H. Neat, capital course, 18 holes, numerous and varied hazards, two drives over part of the lake ; subscription, £10 10s., entrance £10 10s.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT BARNES :—

*Estate Agent*—ARTHUR PURCHASE, 2, Ranelagh Parade.

*Baker*—W. GLOVER, 14, Elm Grove Parade, and 13, High Street.

*See page* 197.

# Beckenham, Kent.

THIS locality is as rural a suburb as may be found near London, situated as it is on the verge of the country. It is an ideal residential place, on account of the many advantages it can offer to its inhabitants. It is on the main line of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway; a quick service of trains accomplishes the journey to town in from eighteen to twenty-five minutes. The town possesses excellent shops. The roads are wide, and for the most part lined with fine old trees. There are splendid educational and social advantages, and the healthiness of the district is shown by its exceptionally low death-rate. The houses are rented reasonably, the majority being detached, with good gardens both back and front. Old Beckenham village still retains some of its ancient features, in some quaint old timbered houses and shops. The old Parish Church, which was demolished some years ago, has now been superseded by the larger building erected on the site. The beautiful Lych Gate has, however, been preserved, and embowered in trees forms a picturesque entrance to the Churchyard. Shortlands, practically part of Beckenham, though of modern growth is associated with the names of Grote, the historian, and Mrs. Muloch Craik, the authoress of "John Halifax, Gentleman," who both resided there. The latter is buried in Keston Churchyard, which is within a charming walk or drive. Beckenham has a fine Town Hall and Municipal Buildings, where many professional and amateur entertainments are held.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS.—There are five stations, all on the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway. Kent House and Beckenham Junction are on the L. C. & D. section main line, Beckenham Hill on the Catford branch of the same section, New Beckenham and Clock House on the Woodside or Mid Kent branch of the S. E. section.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Beckenham Junction to S. E. R. and L. C. & D. Ry. termini... | 1/4 | 10d. | 8d. | 2/4 | 1/8 | 1/3 |
| Beckenham Hill to Victoria, Holborn, Ludgate Hill, and St. Paul's ... ... ... | 1/- | 9d. | 7d. | 1/6 | 1/- | 10d. |
| New Beckenham to Charing Cross, Cannon Street, and London Bridge ... ... | 1/4 | 10d. | 8d. | 2/4 | 1/8 | 1/3 |

For further particulars of this district see No. 22 of The Homeland Handbooks, "Bromley, Beckenham, and Chislehurst," from the publishers of this volume.

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—

| | 1st | 2nd |
|---|---|---|
| Beckenham Junction and New Beckenham to all S. E. and C. D. Ry. termini ... | £12 | £9 |
| Beckenham Hill to L. C. & D. Ry. termini | £12 | £9 |

These tickets may be extended to Liverpool Street, Moorgate Street, Farringdon Street, and King's Cross at slightly increased rates.

RENTS.—From £30 to £300 per annum.

RATES.—5s. 8d. in the £ exclusive of water rate. GAS, 2s. 6d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5d. and 5½d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Sand and gravel, with occasional patches of clay.

ALTITUDE.—About 134 feet.

DEATH RATE.—7·7.

POPULATION.—26,330 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 and 5 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: The Abbey School; Principal, The Rev. H. E. Hill. Clare House School, Oakwood Avenue; Principal, Mr. Philbrick. The Municipal Technical Institute; Principal, C. T. F. Watts, B.Sc. GIRLS: Kepplestone School (a fine old mansion, in most beautiful grounds, with magnificent lake); Principals, Miss Tait-Reid and Miss Wall. Minshull House, Park Road; Principal, the Misses Barton.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. George's (Parish), and six other Established Churches, Roman Catholic, and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Excellent swimming baths, with all modern improvements; cricket, tennis, football, golf, polo, hockey, bowling, and dramatic clubs. Beckenham Golf Club, situated on the old Croydon race-course, about five minutes from Woodside Station; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Baker. Subscription, £5 5s. Entrance, £5 5s. Excellent sporting course, 18 holes, good turf, and well-kept greens. Hazards numerous, hedges, ponds, bunkers, trees, etc., and a canal intersects 4 holes. Beckenham Ladies' Golf Club, close to Shortlands Station; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Lord. Subscription, £2 2s. An excellent 9-hole course with good turf. Hunting with the Old Surrey Foxhounds, Surrey Stag, and West Kent Harriers is within easy reach.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT BECKENHAM:—

*Estate Offices*—BAXTER, PAYNE & LEPPER, Beckenham.

*Dairy*—OVERTON BROS., High Street, and 94, Bromley Road.

*Electrical Engineer*—A. DEAN, 45, High Street.

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LONDON BRIDGE
VICTORIA
RIVER THAMES
SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
New Cross
Brockley
Honor Oak Park
Forest Hill
Sydenham
Clapham Jn.
Wandsworth Common
Balham
Streatham Hill
Tulse Hill
West Norwood
Gipsy Hill
Wimbledon
Haydons Rd
Tooting
Crystal Palace
Penge
Anerley
Norwood Jn.
Woodside
Merton Abbey
Norbury
Thornton Heath
Selhurst
Beddington
Mitcham
Mitcham Jn.
Hackbridge
West Croydon
EAST CROYDON
Coombe Lane
Carshalton
Wadden
South Croydon
Sutton
Wallington
Cheam
Belmont
Purley Oaks
Selsdon Road
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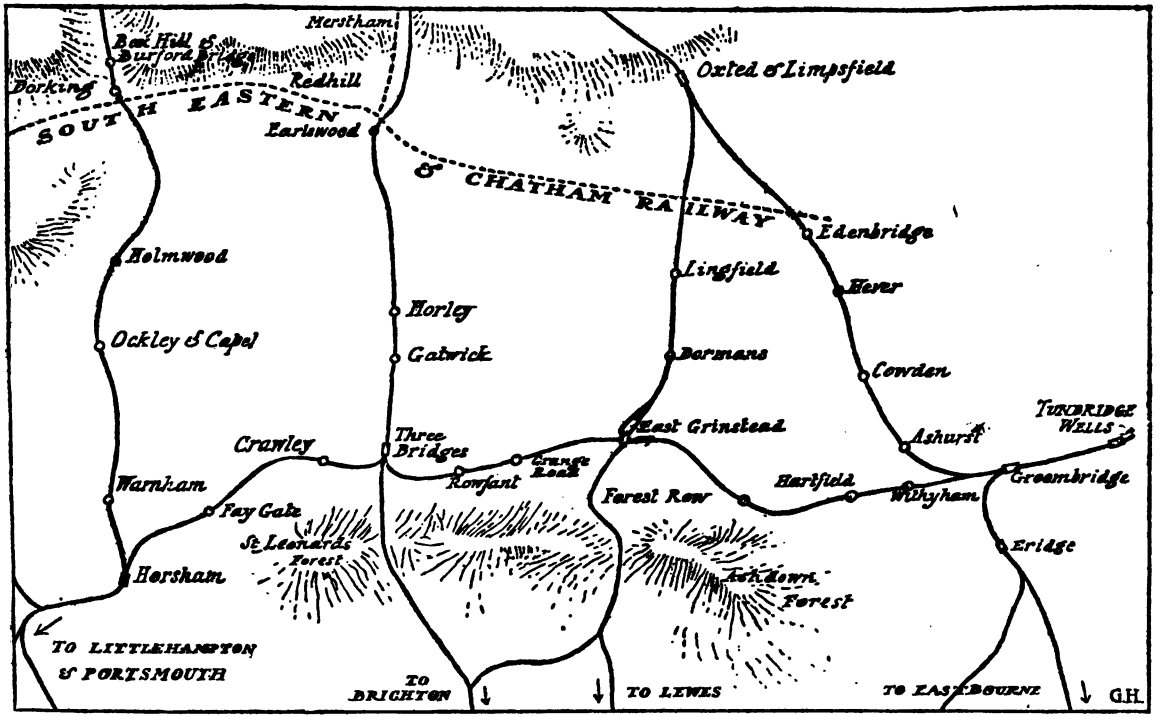


*Sketch Plan of the Northern part of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, showing the Districts served by the Company.*

# Bexley, and Bexleyheath, Kent.

A RURAL village on the river Cray, thirteen miles from London, with a station on the Dartford Loop Line of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway close to the town. Bexley, together with Bexleyheath, East Wickham and Lamorbey, constitute the Bexley Urban District, which is governed by an Urban District Council. The district is a healthy residential one, the upper part of the town having modern houses with good gardens attached. The surrounding country is well wooded, and the soil is light gravel. It is a good fruit-growing district, and strawberries are largely cultivated for the London markets. The Manor House contains a fine Jacobean staircase, and the grounds are well kept.

Bexleyheath is about a mile distant, and is a long straggling town on the old Roman Road, Watling Street. The station, which is some distance from the town, is on the Bexleyheath Line of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway. A service of electric trams on tramways owned and worked by the Urban District Council connects Bexleyheath and Plumstead. Most of the land is owned by Oxford University, to whom it was bequeathed by Camden, the historian and antiquary, to found a Professorship of History out of the rent accruing.

Bexley Parish Church, built of flint, with a curious extinguisher spire, stands on the site of a Church which existed A.D. 832. The Churchyard is entered by two Lych Gates, and the building, which was restored in 1883, contains interesting brasses and monuments. There are some delightful walks to be taken in the neighbourhood. Dartford Heath, full of interest to the botanist and geologist, commands a splendid view of the river Thames, and Hurst and Joyden's Woods are all charming spots, and in the spring gay with flowers. Altogether there is much to attract residents, house rents are reasonable, and the district has plenty of good schools.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Bexley Station, on the Dartford Loop Line of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway, and Bexleyheath, on the Bexleyheath line of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway, are two miles apart.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Bexley and Charing Cross ... ... | 2/4 | 1/6 | 1/2 | 4/- | 3/- | 2/- |
| Cannon Street ... | 2/2 | 1/5 | 1/- | 3/7 | 2/9 | 2/- |
| Bexleyheath and Charing Cross ... ... | 2/2 | 1/5 | 1/1 | 3/9 | 2/9 | 2/- |
| Cannon Street ... | 2/- | 1/3 | 11½d. | 3/3 | 2/6 | 1/11 |

| SEASON-TICKET RATES:— | Per annum | | Quarterly |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Bexley, available at Slade's Green and Barnehurst... | £19 | £14 15s. | £2 7s. 6d. |
| Bexleyheath, available at Crayford and Slade's Green ... ... ... | £19 | £14 15s. | £2 7s. 6d. |

RENTS.—£25 to £150 per annum.

RATES.—Bexley, 6s. 6d.; Bexleyheath, 7s. 4d.; Lamorbey, 6s. 3d.; East Wickham, 8s. 3d., in the £. GAS, 4s. 3d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per B.T. unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and sand.

ALTITUDE.—100 to 150 feet.

DEATH RATE.—Low.

POPULATION.—14,579.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 p.m. Bexleyheath, Wednesday.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Same as Sidcup. Sidcup College; Principals, S. Farnfield, F.G.S., M.R.C.Sc., A. S. Farnfield, B.A., A. J. Farnfield, B.A. Marlborough House; Principal, A. S. Farnfield, B.A. Merton Court; Principal, J. W. E. Pearce, M.A. GIRLS: Norfolk House School; Principal, Miss Downing. Ganstead House; Principal, Miss Whiting.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's, St. John the Evangelist, Christ Church, Congregational, Wesleyan, Baptist.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, tennis, and hockey clubs. Choral Society. Golf Links at Barnehurst; Secretary, Miss D. Evans. Subscription—£4 4s.; ladies, £2 2s. Entrance, £3 3s. A good sporting course of 18 holes. Soil light and sandy, lies good, fine turf, large and well-kept greens, undulating ground.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT BEXLEY:—

*Fancy Drapers and Milliners*—GADSBY & TRUDGETT, 18 and 20, High Street.

*Laundry*—HAROLD G. BARTER, Alexandra House, Sanitary Laundry, North Cray Road.

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# Blackheath, Kent.

AS a healthy suburb within easy access of town, Blackheath has much to commend it, and although only seven miles separates it from the Metropolis, the extent and elevation of "The Heath" ensures a rural and highly invigorating atmosphere, in spite of the amount of building which has been in progress. Blackheath is a fine, open, breezy tract, surrounded by large old-fashioned houses and fine trees. It provides excellent golf links, and other kinds of sport. The Romans and Danes used it as a camping ground, and it has many historical associations. Here in 1381 Wat Tyler assembled his famous rabble of men, and after the battle of Agincourt Henry V. was welcomed back by his subjects on the same spot.

There are plenty of good shops in "The Village" (so called), and a quick service of trains to London. Blackheath is well known as an exceptionally good educational centre.

Greenwich Park, nearly two hundred acres in extent and one of the most charming open spaces in the vicinity of London, adjoins Blackheath. It is now under the control of the County Council. The Observatory is situated in the park; and Greenwich Hospital, with its picture gallery, and the Naval School have great historical interest. Morden College, standing in charming grounds, is a charity founded by Sir John Morden for Turkey merchants who had met with misfortune.

The railway stations serving the district are Blackheath, Lewisham Junction, Blackheath Hill, Kidbrooke, and Westcombe Park. The two latter stations, the first named of which is comparatively new, serve the more modern environs of Blackheath.

There are many social and recreation clubs, also a conservatoire of music and an art club. The Royal Blackheath Golf Club, founded in 1608, was the father of the golf clubs in the South of England. On account of the large number of people who throng the heath on Saturdays and Bank Holidays, play is not allowed after 2 p.m. There are other clubs at Eltham, Sundridge Park, and Honor Oak, within easy reach.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—The three nearest railway stations are Blackheath and Westcombe Park on the South Eastern Railway, and Blackheath Hill station giving access to Victoria and Holborn.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Charing Cross ... ... | 1/2 | 9d. | 6d. | 1/10 | 1/4 | 1/- |
| Cannon Street ... ... | 1/- | 8d. | 5d. | 1/8 | 1/3 | 10d. |
| Victoria ... ... ... | 9d. | 8d. | 6d. | 1/2 | 10d. | 8d. |
| St. Paul's and Holborn ... | 9d. | 7d. | 5d. | 1/2 | 9d. | 7d. |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

| | Per annum. 1st | 2nd |
|---|---|---|
| Blackheath to all S. E. & C. D. R. termini ... | £14 | £10 10s. |
| Blackheath Hill to L. C. & D. R. termini ... | £10 | £7 10s. |

Blackheath, 3rd Class, £2 2s. 6d. Quarterly.

Special rates for extension to Liverpool Street, Moorgate Street, and King's Cross.

RENTS.—Moderate. Varying from £25 to £250.

RATES.—Vary in the different parishes, but average about 7s. 9d. in the £. GAS, 2s. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Deep gravel.

ALTITUDE.—About 150 feet.

DEATH RATE.—1904, 11·9 per 1000 for the district.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Blackheath School; Principal, E. Provis, M.A. Christ's College; Principal, Rev. F. W. Aveling, M.A., B.Sc. Colfe Grammar School : Principal, F. W. Lucas, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.G.S. School for sons of Missionaries; Principal, Walter Brainerd Hayward. GIRLS : High School; Principal, Miss F. Gadesden. Roan Girls' School; Principal, Miss M. S. Walker, B.A. St. Margaret's High School; Principal, Miss Godliffe, LL.A. Ursuline Convent, Ladies' College, and many others.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—All Saints', Church of the Ascension, St. Margaret's, Holy Trinity, Christ Church, St. German's, St. John's, St. Michael and All Angels, and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Royal Blackheath Golf Club; Secretary, G. Spurling. Subscription—£3 3s.; ladies, 15s. 6d. Entrance —£5 5s.; ladies, £2 2s. Course, 7 holes; played twice in competition, and no play is allowed after 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Blackheath Harriers, cricket, tennis, lacrosse, and football clubs.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT BLACKHEATH :—

*Estate Agents*—DYER, SON & HILTON.

*Furnishers and Decorators*—COUCHMAN, BLOW & CO., 16, Montpelier Vale, Blackheath.

*Baker, Coal and Corn Merchant*—W. S. SHOVE, 22, Tranquil Vale, and 44 & 46, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath.

*Chemist*—BUTCHER, CURNOW & CO., LTD., 33 to 35, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath.

*Sanitary Engineers, Cycle Manufacturers, etc.*—HAYCRAFT & SON, LTD., 31, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath.

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# Bromley, Kent.

THE small market town of half a century ago, now a populous and rising municipal borough, offers, with its surroundings, strong attraction to residents. From earliest days it has been considered a healthy spot, and the annual reports of the Medical Officer of Health fully bear out the statement that Bromley is one of the healthiest towns in England. The town itself, being built on the summit of a hill, is well-drained by the West Kent Main Sewer, and has an excellent supply of water derived from the chalk. Other circumstances accounting for rapid growth are no doubt its easy access to London (both City and West End), its rural environment, its educational advantages, and good up-to-date shops. The district is full of interest, and besides the recreative and athletic clubs, with which the town is well provided, there are several commons adjacent—Chislehurst, Hayes, and Keston being within easy walking distance.

Many antiquities have been found near Bromley, implements of the Palæolithic and Neolithic ages, and remains of dwellings inhabited by primitive man, Hayes and Keston Commons being specially interesting in this respect. In the well-kept grounds of Bromley Palace is a chalybeate spring, known as St. Blaize's Well, the medicinal properties of which were accidentally rediscovered in 1754. The Bromley and Bickley Golf Club is situated on the old Bromley Common race-course, and the Sundridge Park Links almost adjoin the old town.

The famous novelist Jane Austen, in "Pride and Prejudice," referring to the old coaching days, speaks of Bromley as being the place to change horses, the "Bell" inn (now a first-class hotel) at that time being the principal posting house in the district. Before the advent of railways several coaches ran through Bromley to and from London daily.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS.—There are two stations, Bromley South being on the main line of the London, Chatham, and Dover section of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, and Bromley North the terminus of the Grove Park Branch of the South-Eastern section.

For further particulars of this district, see No. 22 of the Homeland Handbooks, "Bromley, Beckenham, and Chislehurst," from the publishers of this volume.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Charing Cross ... ... ... | 1/10 | 1/2 | 11d. | 3/3 | 2/4 | 1/10 |
| London Bridge, Cannon Street ... | 1/10 | 1/2 | 9½d. | 3/3 | 2/4 | 1/7 |
| Victoria, Holborn Viaduct, Ludgate Hill, and St. Paul's ... | 1/10 | 1/2 | 11d. | 3/3 | 2/4 | 1/10 |

| SEASON-TICKET RATES :— | 1st | 2nd | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bromley N. and S., available at S. E. R. termini ... ... ... ... ... | £16 | £13 | per annum. |
| Bromley South, available to L. C. & D. R. termini and Moorgate Street ... ... | £18 | £15 | „ „ |

RENTS.—£30 to £500 per annum.

RATES.—About 6s. in the £. GAS, 2s. 11d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. and 4d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Chiefly gravel and sand.

ALTITUDE.—About 200 feet.

DEATH RATE.—10·7.

POPULATION.—27,358 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Quernmore School; Principal, Mr. G. Loly, B.A., A.K.C. GIRLS: High School for Girls; Principal, Miss Heppel, B.A. (Lond.)

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul and nine other Episcopalian Churches, and eighteen Nonconformist Churches; there is a Roman Catholic Church.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, football, tennis, cycling, bowling, hockey, and gymnastic clubs. Sundridge Park Golf Club, 18 holes; Hon. Secretary, Dr. P. N. Randall. Subscription—£5 5s.; ladies, £2 2s. Entrance £5 5s.; ladies, £2 2s. Good sporting course, sandy soil. Hazards—ponds, sand-pits, brooks, fences, bunkers. Bromley and Bickley Golf Club, 18 holes; Hon. Secretary, R. C. Kerr. Subscription, £3 3s.; entrance, £2 2s. Good course, excellent turf. Hazards—hedges, ditches, etc. CLUBS: The Bromley and County (Social); Hon. Secretary, J. H. Lepper. There are also the usual Political Clubs.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT BROMLEY :—

*Estate Agents*—BAXTER, PAYNE & LEPPER, Market Square.

*Baker and Confectioner*—W. MAUNDER, 1 and 2, Market Square.

*Furnishing Ironmongers*—G. WEEKS & SONS, 61, High Street, and at Beckenham.

*Dairy*—THE CREAMERY, Market Square.

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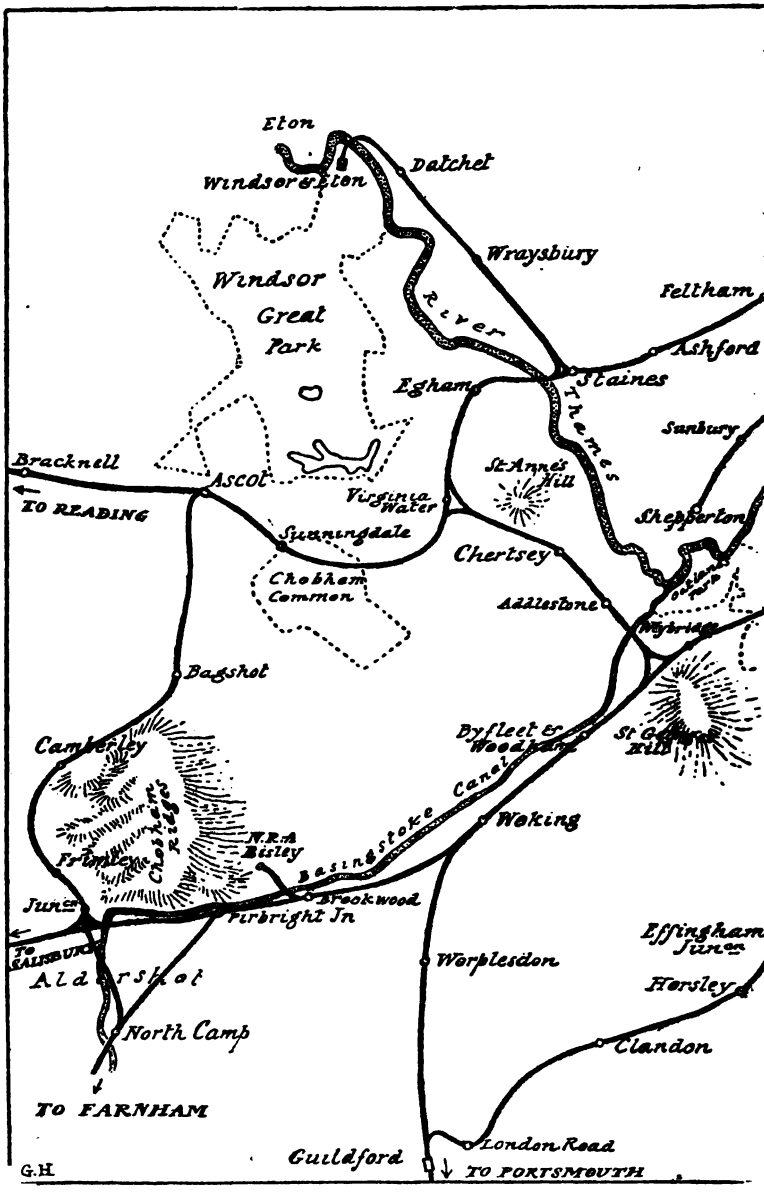


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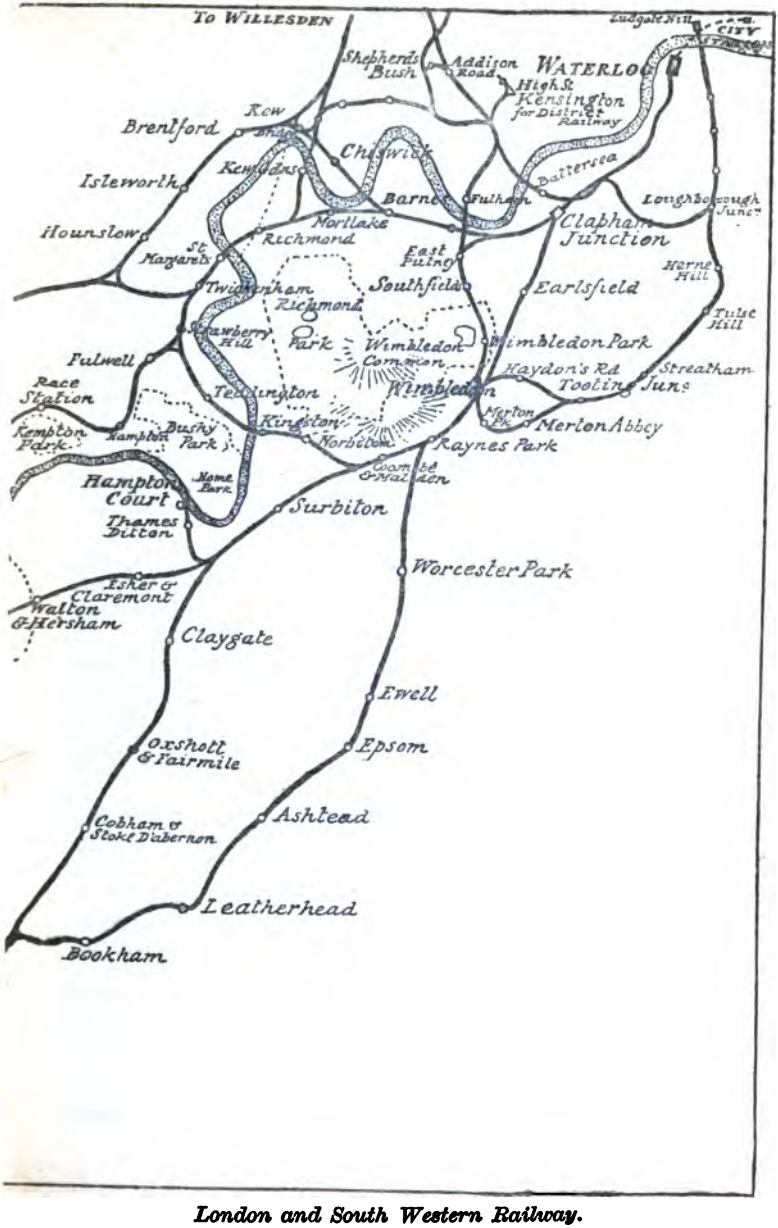


*London and South Western Railway.*

# Camberley, Surrey.

THIS charming neighbourhood, situated in the midst of the pine district of north-west Surrey, is attracting many residents on account of its surroundings and salubrity. To meet the demand of an ever-increasing population building is going on in all directions and houses with all modern conveniences are to be had at moderate rentals. Standing high and on a subsoil of gravel and sand, healthy conditions are assured, and those who suffer with weak chests should derive great benefit from residence in this locality. On the north-east is Bagshot Heath, a glorious stretch of open common, over which dry and bracing breezes blow on the hottest of summer days—the clothing of heather absorbing but little moisture, and the sandy soil taking up very rapidly all the rain that falls.

Camberley is 35 miles from London and there is a choice of two routes on the London and South Western Railway, *via* Woking or Ascot, the best trains in the day accomplishing the journey in just over an hour.

The Royal Military and Staff Colleges are situated here and Ascot race-course is easily accessible, being only 7 miles distant. The races which take place in June are attended by members of the Royal Family. Eversley, also 7 miles distant, is the scene of the labours of the Rev. Charles Kingsley, M.A.; he was curate for two years and vicar for 31 years, and he is buried in the churchyard. In the immediate neighbourhood is the residence of Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Eugénie, and in the Mausoleum, especially built by her, repose the remains of Napoleon III. and their son, the Prince Imperial, who was killed during the Zulu Campaign while serving with the British forces. There are plenty of social and athletic clubs, including cricket, football, and hockey, and Ascot provides excellent golf links, with an 18-hole course, which is well kept. Good hunting is also available in the neighbourhood.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—From Waterloo by the London and South Western Railway.

FARES:—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 5/10 | 3/8 | 2/11 |
| RETURN ... | 9/8 | 6/6 | 5/6 |

Friday, Saturday, or Sunday to Tuesday—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| RETURN ... | 7/6 | 4/9 | 3/9 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—

| | 1st Class, per annum. | 2nd Class, per annum. | 3rd Class, quarterly. |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Via* Staines *or* Woking | £28 | £21 | £4 4s. |
| *Via* Staines *and* Woking | £29 | £21 15s. | £4 7s. |

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, there are cheap trains from Camberley to Waterloo for the day; return fare, 3s.

RENTS.—Reasonable.

RATES.—2s. 6d. in the £ for the half year. GAS, 3s. 8d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Sand and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—220–370 ft.

DEATH RATE.—About 10·0.

POPULATION.—5249 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Camberley School; Principal, G. T. Irving, M.A. GIRLS: Maywood School; Principals, The Misses Carr.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Michael's (Parish), St. Paul's Church, Roman Catholic, Wesleyan, Baptist, and Primitive Methodist.

RECREATIONS.—East Berks Golf Club, at Wellington College (see also Ascot section). Cricket, football, hockey, boating, fishing. Hunting, with the Royal Staghounds, Garth's Foxhounds, Ripley and Knap Hill Harriers, and the Staff College Draghounds.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT CAMBERLEY.—

*Estate Offices*—L. H. BAILEY, 54, High Street, Camberley.

*House Furnishers*—R. P. OVER & SONS, 63, London Road.

*Butcher*—JOSEPH FOWLES, Camberley, York Town, Frimley, and Blackwater.

*Fruiterer*—H. G. HARRINGTON, 1, London Road, and 70, High Street.

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# Caterham, Surrey.

SIXTEEN miles from London, on a branch of the South Eastern Railway, Caterham is situated amid the hill country of the North Downs, in a picturesque valley on the Roman road between Croydon and Godstone. Recent years have seen many large houses built, commanding some of the finest and most extensive views over the surrounding country. From the hills magnificent panoramas of some of Surrey's fairest scenery extend for miles. Caterham is a health resort, its altitude above sea-level justly entitling it to that description; it is beyond the reach of London fogs—a recommendation that will appeal to any who wish to move away from a suburban neighbourhood while remaining within an easy journey of town.

The air is bracing and invigorating, and many pleasant rambles can be indulged in by those who desire to get further afield; the roads are usually in good condition for driving, motoring, or cycling.

Croydon is within a few miles and is easily accessible.

Marden Park, through which public rights-of-way exist, is one of the places of interest in the neighbourhood, being associated with the name of William Wilberforce, who addressed several historic communications therefrom during his residence. A curious natural phenomenon may be seen at intervals of about five years, when the intermittent stream known as the Bourne rises at the edge of the park and flows through the valley to the Wandle at Croydon, disappearing after the lapse of a few months.

Godstone and Bletchingley, delightful old-world villages, with ancient houses and quaint churches, are places of interest to visit in the neighbourhood, and are on the road to Redhill from Oxted. Many other places of interest are to be found upon the surrounding hills—Chaldon, with its church, in which are to be seen very ancient frescoes, is a place of pilgrimage for archæologists; while the student of the past will also be interested in the ancient British track, known as the Pilgrims' Way, which follows the ridge of the

For further particulars of this district, see Nos. 10, 7 and 36 of the Homeland Handbooks for Reigate, Croydon, and Oxted, from the publishers of this volume.

North Downs from Merstham across the Godstone road to Titsey and Westerham Hill, on its course from Farnham to Canterbury.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—From Charing Cross, Cannon Street, and London Bridge by the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| London ... | 2/11 | 2/- | 1/3 | 5/- | 3/5 | 2/4 |
| | | | | 1st Class | 2nd Class | |
| SEASON-TICKET RATES :— | | | | £21 | £16 5s. | |

RENTS.—£30 to £300.

RATES.—5s. 6d. in the £. GAS, 3s. 4d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. per unit; flat rate, 6d.; heating, 2½d.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—About 700 ft. on hills, 400 ft. in valley

DEATH RATE.—9 per 1000.

POPULATION.—9159 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: The Dene; Principal, Rev. P. M. Watkins. Congregational School for Sons of Congregational Ministers; Principal, Rev. Horace E. Hall, M.A. Upwood Park Preparatory School; Mr. H. Le Grew Harrison. GIRLS: Fairbank; Principal, Miss Allen. School of Music; Principal, Miss Rolls.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's (parish), St. John's, St. Michael (Guards' Chapel), Roman Catholic, Congregational, and Wesleyan Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Hockey, cricket, football, and cycling, two tennis clubs, dramatic club, and choral society; East Surrey Foxhounds; Caterham Golf Club, 9 holes.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT CATERHAM :—

*Estate Agents*—Frederick Elliff & Co., Caterham Valley.

*Butcher*—G. E. Wallis, Godstone Road.

*Provision Merchant*—George Uridge, The Square.

*Draper, etc.*—W. C. Brooks, opposite Railway Station.

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# Chertsey, Surrey.

SITUATED on the short line linking Weybridge on the main line and Virginia Water on the Reading line of the London and South Western Railway, Chertsey consists of a broad picturesque street, connected with the station by Guildford Street. The Parish Church of St. Peter is but a century old, retaining, however, its ancient Gothic tower, from which the curfew still sounds during the winter months.

Chertsey's famous bridge, one of the ornaments of the Thames, carries the London Road over the river, and from its adjacent landing-stages many boating excursions of great interest may be made, and excellent fishing obtained.

The history of Chertsey Abbey is practically the early religious history of the county, for the foundation was the holder of property in, and the spiritual centre from which was guided the religious life of, more than thirty Surrey parishes. Of the magnificent ecclesiastical pile which once graced the Abbey Mead but small vestiges remain, though the ground plan has been ascertained by excavations made half a century ago. A footpath across the Mead leads to Laleham Ferry.

St. Ann's Hill, an outpost of the sandy heights of Chobham Common, between Chertsey and the village of Thorpe, rises to a height of 220 feet, and from it a beautiful view is obtainable. The House at St. Ann's Hill is associated with Charles James Fox.

Cowley House, associated with the poet of that name, stands in Guildford Street, and will be passed on the way to the town from the station.

The district affords great opportunities to cyclists and pedestrians, and lovers of all outdoor recreation.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Weybridge and Virginia Water Branch of the London and South Western Railway.

FARES FROM WATERLOO :—

| | Single | | | Return | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| *Via* Weybridge ... | 3/8 | 2/4 | 1/10 | 5/6 | 4/- | 3/4 |
| *Via* Virginia Water ... | 3/10 | 2/6 | 1/11 | 6/- | 4/4 | 3/6 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—*Via* Weybridge : 1st class, £22 ; 2nd class, £16 10s. per annum ; 3rd class, £3 6s. per quarter. Chertsey and Shepperton, available at intermediate stations on both lines : 1st class, £25 ; 2nd class, £19 10s. per annum.

RENTS.—£25 to £200.

RATES.—8s. 6d. in the £. GAS, 3s. 4d. per 1000 cubic feet. Installation of electric light under consideration.

SUBSOIL.—Principally sand and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—40 to 50 ft. St. Ann's Hill, 220 ft.

DEATH RATE.—Very low.

POPULATION.—12,762 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Highfield School ; Principal, W. Tranter. Woburn College, Weybridge (Roman Catholic), Father Thomas ; School of Handicrafts for Boys. GIRLS : Small schools in the district, see also Woking and Weybridge.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Peter's Parish Church, All Saints' Church, Eastworth ; Congregational, Wesleyan, Primitive Methodist, Roman Catholic Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Boating, cricket, football, good cycling country. Chertsey Golf Club : Secretary, Dr. P. T. Head, Laleham-on-Thames : 18 holes ; Links 1 mile from Chertsey Station.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT CHERTSEY :—

*Estate Agents*—WATERER & SONS, London Street, Chertsey.

*House Furnishers*—WATERER & SONS, London Street, Chertsey.

*Grocer and Provision Merchant*—E. T. MADELEY, Windsor Street, Chertsey, and at Weybridge and Walton.

*Corn Merchant*—J. J. ELLIOTT, 117, Guildford Street, Chertsey.

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# Chislehurst and Bickley, Kent.

SITUATED on the high road from Bromley to the Crays, on the brow of a hill, Chislehurst is an attractive and healthy locality, having picturesque and rural surroundings, and is at the same time easy of access to London. It is a spot much favoured by well-to-do City men, and its beautiful houses, standing in their own grounds, are admired by all who pass this garden-suburb when travelling by the South Eastern Railway. It is surrounded by beautiful commons, on which gorse, heather, and bracken flourish. Keston and Hayes, with their high and breezy uplands, are but a short distance to the south-west, and the villages of Foots Cray, St. Paul's, and St. Mary Cray are quite close to the east. The district is becoming well populated, and the modern houses are well designed and built, and are attractive in appearance. The village is encompassed by undulating and well-wooded country. There are many silver birches and fine oak trees, which add much charm to the already beautiful locality. Camden Place is interesting historically, as it was at one time the residence of William Camden, the antiquary, who died in 1623, and later in its history was for six years occupied by the ex-Empress Eugénie. Napoleon III. died there; and to the memory of their son, the Prince Imperial, who was killed fighting for this country in Zululand, a stone cross is erected on Chislehurst Common.

Camden Place is now the headquarters of the Chislehurst Golf Club, who have an excellent course of 18 holes. Many and delightful excursions can be taken, either by road or rail, into the heart of Kent, and a quick service of trains brings the metropolis within easy reach. Antiquarians and geologists will find much to interest them in the neighbourhood in visiting the chalk pits and dene holes. Some extensive caves have lately been discovered, and can be seen close to Chislehurst Station. The neighbouring district of Bickley, having a station on the main line of the Chatham section of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway, is very well served with trains from Victoria and the City. It is a favourite place of residence, and houses of a good class are being erected on the Bickley Park Estate.

For further particulars of this district, see Bromley, Beckenham, and Chislehurst, No. 22 of the Homeland Handbooks, from the publishers of this volume.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—From Charing Cross, Waterloo, Cannon Street, and London Bridge on the main line of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway.

| FARES.—SINGLE— | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | RETURN— | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charing Cross ... | 2/- | 1/3 | 1/- | | 3/6 | 2/6 | 2/- |
| Cannon Street ... | 2/- | 1/3 | 10d. | | 3/6 | 2/6 | 1/8 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES.—Available at Bickley, Bromley (North and South): 1st Class, £17; 2nd Class, £14 per annum.

RENTS.—£50 to £500 per annum.

RATES.—About 5s. 6d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 11d. per 1000 cubic feet ELECTRIC LIGHT, about 6d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Principally gravel and sand; chalk on the slope of the hill.

ALTITUDE.—About 300 ft.

DEATH RATE.—Low. Bromley Parish, 10·4 per 1000.

POPULATION.—7429 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Amesbury School; Principal, Mr. Moore. GIRLS: Coed Bel; Principals, the Misses Fox. "Pennthorpe"; Principal, Miss Arastein. "Belmont," Bickley; Principal, Mrs. Leishman.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Nicholas (Parish), Church of the Annunciation, Christ Church, Roman Catholic, and Wesleyan.

RECREATIONS.—Golf, Bromley, Bickley and Sundridge Park. Chislehurst Golf Club; Secretary, C. F. Hamilton. Subscription, £6 6s.; Ladies, £3 3s. Entrance, £5 5s.; Ladies, £3 3s. Splendid sporting course; 18 holes. Ground very undulating, excellent greens in fine condition; hazards—ponds, trees, thorn-bushes, sand pit, a dry ravine, streams, and numerous bunkers. Cricket and tennis clubs.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT CHISLEHURST:—

*Estate Agents*—DAVID J. CHATTELL & SONS, 57, Chislehurst Road. Close to the Station.

*Builder and Contractor*—R. A. Lowe, Lower Camden, Chislehurst, and at Bromley.

*Bakers and Confectioners*—Fairs & Rusbridge, 6, Burlington Parade.

*Bickley Park Estate Office*—P. W. Dashwood, Bickley.

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# Chiswick and Bedford Park, Middlesex.

THIS healthy and convenient suburb is now being largely opened up to suit the requirements of a large and growing population, and many modern and attractive houses at moderate rental are being erected.

Five railway routes are available to the City and West End, the journey being accomplished in about forty minutes. There are large and excellent business establishments, and the needs of the residents are well catered for. The population, which at the census of 1871 was 8508, has increased by rapid strides to 21,965 in 1891 and 29,809 in 1901. It is now estimated at 32,500.

Kew Gardens are within a few minutes' walk, and Richmond Park is within easy reach. Amongst the numerous attractions of this district may be mentioned the sailing and boating clubs, tennis, cricket, camera, cycling, and other outdoor clubs, also amateur dramatic and musical societies, and social and political clubs.

Some years ago an extensive system of drainage was carried out at a cost of £80,000, and a Town Hall capable of seating 700 people is available for concerts and entertainments. The Hall also contains the Municipal Offices.

Of the many celebrities whose names are associated with Chiswick, Hogarth is one of the most noted. He lived in the town and was buried in the churchyard. Rousseau, too, lodged at one of the grocers' shops in the vicinity.

In 1731 a Roman urn and some silver coins were found at Turnham Green.

Bedford Park, which lies to the north side of the railway, close to Turnham Green Station, is a locality much affected by artists and actors. Most of the houses are built in the Queen Anne style, of red brick with tiled roofs, and are well provided with garden space. The rents are from £32 to £130.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION. — From Waterloo and Ludgate Hill by London and South Western Railway to Chiswick, and by the Metropolitan Railway to Chiswick Park or Turnham Green. Kew Bridge, Acton, and Gunnersbury Stations all serve the district. Trams run along the

High Road from Shepherd's Bush and Hammersmith to Hounslow, Twickenham, and Hampton Court.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo ... ... | 11d. | 9d. | 7d. | 1/4 | 1/– | 10d. |
| Ludgate Hill ... | 1/3 | 1/– | 10d. | 1/10 | 1/4 | 1/– |
| Mansion House to Chiswick Park ... | 7d. | 5d. | 4d. | 11d. | 7d. | 6d. |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

| | Per annum. 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| Waterloo ... | £13 | £9 15s. | £1 17s. 6d. quarterly. |
| Ludgate Hill ... | £14 | £10 10s. | |
| Moorgate Street | £12 | £8 | £6 15s. per annum. |

The tram fare from Turnham Green Church to either Shepherd's Bush or Hammersmith is 1d., the cost of reaching the City by tram and tube therefore being only 3d.

RENTS.—Flats from £50 per annum, and a large supply of moderately rented houses from £32 to £130 per annum.

RATES.—7s. 6d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per unit, reduced to 4d.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel.

ALTITUDE.—About 25 feet.

DEATH RATE.—13·17 (1904).

POPULATION.—32,500 (Est.).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Portland College; Principal, David Harries, F.S.A. Gunnersbury School; Principal, H. E. Kingsford. GIRLS: Gunnersbury High School; Principal, Miss N. Keys. Grove Park School; Principal, Miss Eley. The Limes; Principals, Misses King and Fuller.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Besides the Parish Church of St. Nicholas there are seven others, and also Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, tennis, cycling, camera, musical, and dramatic clubs, Chiswick Golf Club, close to the London and South Western Railway Station (9 holes); Secretary, H. Ellington. Subscription, £4 4s.; entrance, £3 3s. Ground undulating, with many natural advantages, sandy soil, and greens playable in wet weather.

# Clapham and Clapham Junction, Surrey.

THIS district, now one of the inner suburbs of London, is situated in the Boroughs of Battersea and Wandsworth. The glory of the place is its large and beautiful Common of more than 200 acres, which is nearly a mile across, is carefully kept, and contains a considerable number of fine trees.

The surroundings of the Common and the Junction are of a very varied character—every class of residence is to be found in the neighbourhood, the larger and more attractive being naturally on the high ground of the Common.

High Street, Clapham, and the neighbourhood of the Junction are very busy commercial centres, and have many fine shops. The L.C.C. Tramway System serves both main routes, that on the Clapham Road being worked on the Electric conduit system.

The principal public buildings are situated on Lavender Hill, and consist of the fine Town Hall of the Borough of Battersea, next to which is the Shakespeare Theatre. On the southern side of the thoroughfare, stands the Battersea Free Library, a handsome red brick building.

The Battersea Polytechnic, one of the best equipped institutions of the kind in the country, cost nearly £90,000, and was opened by the King when Prince of Wales, in 1894.

By the Kingston Road, Wimbledon Common and Richmond Park are soon reached, and beyond them the open country.

Around Clapham Common are large houses which bear witness to the time when many a notable personage built his country residence near the village. Amongst the names associated with the district in the past are those of Pepys, Macaulay, the eccentric Henry Cavendish, and William and Samuel Wilberforce.

The Parish Church of Holy Trinity is situated on the Common, and is an exceedingly plain brick building with no pretension to architectural beauty; it was erected in 1775 and has since been considerable altered and added to.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—To Clapham from Victoria, Ludgate Hill, and King's Cross by South Eastern and Chatham Railway. To Clapham Junction from Waterloo by London and South Western Railway; from Victoria and London Bridge by London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway; from Moorgate Street and Ludgate Hill (no Sunday trains). To Clapham Road from London Bridge and Victoria by London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, and to Clapham Common by South London Electric Railway.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Clapham from Victoria ... ... | -/6 | -/4 | -/2½ | -/8 | -/6 | -/4 |
| ,, ,, Ludgate Hill ... | -/6 | -/5 | -/4 | -/9 | -/8 | -/6 |
| ,, ,, King's Cross ... | -/8 | -/6 | -/4 | 1/- | -/10 | -/8 |
| ,, Road from London Bridge | -/6 | -/5 | -/4 | -/9 | -/8 | -/6 |
| ,, ,, ,, Victoria ... | -/6 | -/4 | -/2½ | -/8 | -/6 | -/4 |
| ,, Common from Bank ... | — | — | -/4 | — | — | -/7 |
| ,, Junction from Waterloo ... | -/6 | -/4 | -/3 | -/9 | -/6 | -/4 |
| ,, ,, ,, London Bridge (*vid* Tulse Hill) | 1/- | -/8 | -/6 | 1/6 | 1/- | -/9 |

| SEASON-TICKET RATES :— | 1st Class | | | 2nd Class | | | 3rd Class | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Clapham Junction and Waterloo ... | 9 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| ,, ,, to London Bridge | 9 | 10 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 6 | (quarterly) | | |
| ,, ,, ,, Victoria ... | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| ,, ,, ,, Holborn, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's ... | 8 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, Road to London Bridge and Victoria ... ... | 8 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, (L.B. & S.C.R.) to Victoria | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| ,, (S.E. & C.R.) to Victoria, Holborn, Ludgate Hill, and St. Paul's ... ... | 8 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| ,, to Victoria ... ... | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 0 | | | |

RENTS.—£35 to £200 per annum.

RATES.—7s. 1d. in the £. GAS, 2s. per 1000 cubic ft.

SUBSOIL.—Clay and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—92 feet (on Common).

POPULATION.—120,761 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Manor House School, Old Town; Principal, S. Maxwell, M.A., LL.M. Clapham Boys' School; Principal, F. Kettle, B.A. GIRLS: Clapham High School for Girls (Girls' Public Day School Company), South Side; Head Mistress, Mrs. Woodhouse. Carlyle College for Girls, 57, West Side; Principal, Miss Bridgman. United Kingdom College, Ladies' Department, 140, Lavender Hill (Civil Service and Commercial).

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Including the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, there are fourteen Established Churches in the district, besides Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT CLAPHAM JUNCTION :—

*Estate Agents*—ARDING & HOBBS, Clapham Junction.

*Furniture Removers, Drapers, etc.*—ARDING & HOBBS, Clapham Junction.

*Bootmakers*—A. LEWIS & CO., 283, Lavender Hill.

*Optician.*—SPENCER HILL, 2, The Pavement.

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# Claygate, Surrey.

AN ecclesiastical parish on the new Guildford line of the London and South Western Railway, fifteen miles from London. It is an increasing and populous hamlet. The manor is mentioned in the Domesday Book as being held by the Abbot of Westminster, and it continued to be so held until the Abbey was suppressed by Henry VIII. After passing through many hands it is now the property of Lord Lovelace and Lord Foley. Wheat, oats, and barley are the chief crops grown on the land. Claygate Common, on which are situated the Golf Links, is a large open tract of heath, commanding splendid views, and with fine and bracing air. The country is rural and picturesque, and yet has the advantage of being within thirty-five minutes' journey of the metropolis. Houses to suit all classes of the community are available, and many first-class residences are being erected on Claremont Hill, overlooking the Oxshott Woods, which, from its elevation, affords fine and extensive views. The district provides excellent hunting. Sandown, Kempton Park, and Hurst Park race-courses are all easy of access, and there is a good Golf Club for ladies and gentlemen. Many beautiful walks can be taken in the locality, including those to Oxshott, with its renowned pine woods; Arbrooke and Littleworth Commons, and Hampton Court Palace, with its well-kept gardens, and the adjoining Bushey Park. The roads are also good for cycling, motoring, or driving. Claremont, the residence of H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, is the second house of the name, and was built by Lord Clive in place of the residence of the famous Duke of Newcastle, from whose representative he purchased the estate in 1769. The new house was erected in a much better situation than that of its predecessor, and at a cost of £100,000, by "Capability" Brown, and it is stated to be the only complete mansion erected by him. Since its transfer to the Crown in 1816 it has been occupied by a succession of Royalties, amongst whom may be mentioned Louis Philippe, who died there in 1850.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the new Guildford branch line of the London and South Western Railway.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo ... ... | 2/6 | 1/7 | 1/3 | 3/3 | 2/6 | 2/2 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES. — Waterloo: 1st Class, £20; 2nd Class, £15 per annum; 3rd Class, £3 quarterly.

RENTS.—From £30 to £300 per annum.

RATES.—6s. 5d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Clay and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—93 ft. to 200 ft.

DEATH RATE.—10·0 per 1000.

POPULATION.—1380 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS. — Kindergarten School; Principal, Miss Crowther. GIRLS: "Glen Brae," Principal, Miss Fox.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Church of the Holy Trinity, and Baptist Chapel.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket Club, cycling. Claygate Golf Club; Secretary, C. M. Usher. Subscription £2 2s., Ladies £1 1s. Entrance £1 1s., Ladies 10s. 6d. Good sporting course, 9 holes, good turf, wonderfully dry soil—mixture of sand, gravel, and clay—excellent greens; hazards—bracken, bushes, whins, and trees. Good hunting in the neighbourhood, and boating and fishing are easily accessible on the Thames.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT CLAYGATE:—

*Grocer and Provision Merchant*—F. FINCH, 8, Parade, Claygate.

*Butcher*—F. HARMAN, Southdown House, The Parade, Claygate.

*Dairy Farmer*—J. P. ROBERTS, Horringdon Farm, Claygate.

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# Crawley and Three Bridges, Sussex.

CRAWLEY lies in a favourable position on the main road midway between London and Brighton, in the Weald of Sussex. It is served by the L. B. & S. C. Railway, and has a station on the branch line connecting Three Bridges Junction on the main Brighton line with Horsham on the Portsmouth line, and is of easy access to the latter town, which is about seven miles distant. As a residential resort Crawley is increasing in popularity. Its famous Beacon Hill, 471 feet above sea level, affords magnificent views over some of the most beautiful pastoral scenery in England.

The town is increasing in extent, the southern part containing the more modern buildings and newly erected houses. It has a good water supply, is well drained, and the shopping facilities are good. Fairs are held in May and September.

Amongst the interesting features of the district may be mentioned the Church of St. John the Baptist, built of stone in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles. Close by is the Capuchin Monastery and the Catholic Church of St. Francis of Assisi. There are also some seventeenth and eighteenth century houses in the town. Mark Lemon, the well-known editor of "Punch," who died in 1870, resided at Vine Cottage near the station, and in the Church is a three-light window to his memory.

The social advantages of Crawley are many, and include political associations, a harmonic society, and numerous sporting and athletic clubs for both sexes, whilst the surrounding country is full of interest both for cyclist and pedestrian.

The beautiful forest of St. Leonard, lying between the town and Horsham, and the remains of Tilgate Forest to the east of the Brighton Road, a glimpse of which is obtained by the traveller on the Brighton line before entering Balcombe Tunnel, offer a great variety of woodland scenery and plenty of opportunity to the botanist and naturalist.

Three Bridges, twenty-nine miles from London, is more important as a junction than a residential place. The remarks with regard to Crawley will apply to it equally well.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—London Bridge and Victoria by the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.

FARES :—

London Bridge and Victoria to Crawley.

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 5/2 | 3/3 | 2/6 |
| RETURN ... | 9/2 | 6/– | 5/– |
| Friday, Saturday, Sunday to Tuesday ... | 7/9 | 5/– | 3/9 |

To Three Bridges.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 4/10 | 3/1 | 2/4½ |
| RETURN ... | 8/6 | 6/– | 4/9 |
| Friday, Saturday, Sunday to Tuesday ... | 7/3 | 4/8 | 3/6 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crawley ... ... ... | £30 | £23 | 10s. per annum. |
| Three Bridges ... ... | £29 | £22 | " " |

RENTS.—Reasonable.

RATES.—4s. in the £. GAS, 4s. 4d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—The Wealden clay.

ALTITUDE.—250 to 300 feet.

DEATH RATE.—Low.

POPULATION.—3824 (Crawley and Ifield).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : North House School; Principal, Mr. J. O. Conlan. GIRLS : The Lindens; Principal, Miss Scott.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. John the Baptist, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Monastery, and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Great hunting centre, cricket, football, hockey, amateur athletic, and cycling clubs. New Golf Club, Copthorne Links, three miles distant: 18 holes; Secretary, F. Hill.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT CRAWLEY :—

*Estate Agents*—F. W. STOKES & MARTIN, High Street, Crawley.

*Landscape Gardeners, etc.*—J. CHEAL & SONS, Lowfield Nurseries.

*Furnishing Ironmongers*—STEPHEN SIMMINS, High Street.

*Builders and Contractors*—J. LONGLEY & CO.

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# Croydon, Surrey.

CROYDON is situated ten miles due south of London. The popularity of the town is proved by the increase of its population, which during the period between 1881 and 1904 grew from 79,000 to 141,000.

The reasons appear to be the excellent train service (the quick trains from London Bridge take but twenty minutes to do the journey), the particularly good market for shopping, the admirable scholastic establishments available, the abundance of open spaces, and its proximity to some of the least spoiled scenery of Surrey and Kent.

There are excellent swimming baths in the borough, and a good Public Library with branches at Norwood, Thornton Heath, and Shirley. The town is served throughout by an installation of Electric Lighting, and a thorough system of Electric Tramways connects Purley, Norbury, Addiscombe, Thornton Heath, and South Norwood with the busy Croydon High Street.

Croydon is the healthiest large town in the country; its position in this respect being due to its sanitation, the subsoil, and the pure air of the North Downs, on the northern slopes of which the town is situated.

Its surroundings are very attractive. A beautiful riverside walk traverses the valley of the Wandle from Waddon to Beddington and Hackbridge. There are breezy rambles over the Chalk Hills from Duppas Hill towards Purley and over Banstead Downs. To the south and south-east lie Croham Hurst, Sanderstead, and Addington, and to the east the Shirley Hills are within walking distance.

The cyclist and motorist have the grand roads of north-east Surrey and west Kent available.

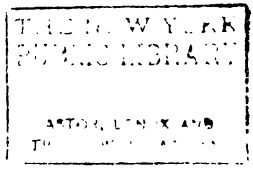
Full particulars of this district will be found in "Croydon, New and Old," Homeland Handbook No. 7, Price 6d., from the publishers of this volume.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Croydon is served by the London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South Eastern and Chatham Railway Companies. The City Stations are London Bridge (both lines), Cannon Street (S. E. & C. R.), Victoria (L. B. & S. C. R.), Waterloo and Charing Cross (S. E. & C. R.).

The Stations in the borough are: New and East Croydon (under the same roof); South Croydon on the same line; West Croydon and Waddon on the Sutton line; Addiscombe on the S. E. R. (a terminus); Selsdon Road, South Croydon, on the Oxted and East Grinstead line.

SEASON-TICKET RATES.—Joint ticket, available from most of the stations in the borough to London by L. B. & S. C. R. and S. E. & C. R. 1st class, £21; 2nd class, £15. East Croydon, Selsdon Road and

*Photograph*] **A Scene on the Wandle close to Croydon.** [J. PRICE.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Addiscombe, S. E. & C. R. only, 1st class, £17; 2nd class, £11. London Bridge and Victoria, and East Croydon, available at Selsdon Road, Purley Oaks, South, New and West Croydon (main and local line trains), L. B. & S. C. R. only, 1st class, £17; 2nd class, £11. East Croydon, available also at Purley, Purley Oaks, South, New and West Croydon (main and local line trains), L. B. & S. C. R. only, 1st class, £17; 2nd class, £11. West, New and South Croydon, by local trains only, 1st class, £15; 2nd class, £9 10s. Purley Oaks, South, New and West Croydon, by local trains only, 1st class, £15 10s.; 2nd class, £10.

RENTS.—Houses, to suit all classes, are available at rentals varying from £30 to £250, the more expensive residential districts being South and East Croydon.

RATES.—7s. 8d. in the £, including water. GAS, 2s. 8d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5d. per B.T. unit.

SUBSOIL.—South Croydon, chalk and gravel; East and West Croydon, gravel, sand, and clay; Thornton Heath and Waddon, gravel.

ALTITUDE.—Central, 150 to 175 feet above sea level; Duppas Hill, 172 feet above sea level; South Croydon, 200 to 250 feet above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—Year 1903, 11·8 per 1000.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Whitgift Grammar School, North End; Principal, S. O. Andrew, M.A. Whitgift Middle School, Church Road; Principal, W. Ingrams. High School, Wellesley Road; Principal, R. Hawe, B.A. Preparatory School for Boys, Birdhurst Rise, South Croydon; Principal, A. E. P. Voules. Elmhurst School, St. Peter's Road; Principal, C. Hardie Scott. GIRLS: Croydon High School, Wellesley Road; Principal, Miss Leahy. Girton, London Road; Principal, The Misses Stoneman. Grove House, Chatsworth Road; Principal, Miss Boole. Whitgift House School, Wellesley Road; Principal, Miss Ingrams.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Besides the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Church Street (Vicar, Rev. L. H. Burrows, M.A.), there are no fewer than 23 Episcopal Churches and Missions in the borough. There are also 10 Baptist, 11 Congregational, 3 Presbyterian, 7 Wesleyan Methodist, 4 Primitive Methodist, 2 United Methodist, and 2 Roman Catholic Churches, and 7 other places of worship of various denominations, and a Meeting House of the Society of Friends; 71 in all.

PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.—Grand Theatre, High Street. Theatre Royal, Crown Hill.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT CROYDON:—

*Estate Agents*—HOOKER & WEBB, 4, High Street.

*Estate Agents*—SLADE & CHURCH, 128, George Street, and at Purley, Sutton and Tadworth.

*Dyer and Cleaner*—G. WATERMAN, 24, South End.

*Furniture Removers, etc.*—EBBUTT'S, High Street.

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# Dartford, Kent.

DERIVING its name from the "ford" which crossed the Dart or "Darent," we have in Dartford to-day a market town of no little importance, and an industrial centre with an increasing population. A cattle market is held every Tuesday, and an annual fair takes place in August. In 1590 Godfrey Box, a native of Brabant, introduced the process of rolling and slitting iron, and paper-making was also introduced into Kent about the same time. Both these trades have been carried on here extensively, to the advantage of the town. It is still a manufacturing district, owing to its easy access to the river Thames, and there are within its boundaries silk printing works, corn mills, and paper mills.

The fine old Parish Church of Dartford is most interesting. Antiquaries have attributed the foundation of the tower to Roman times. The lower stages of the edifice contain examples of Early Norman work. The Church contains a well-known and large fresco of St. George and the Dragon, dating from 1338, and many monuments, including one to John Spielman, who died in 1626, and who built the first paper mill in Dartford.

Buried here is the celebrated engineer Richard Trevethick, the inventor of the locomotive steam engine.

Dartford has been a place of interest since Roman times, and many remains of that period have been found in the district. Watling Street, one of the great Roman roads, passed through the town. Botanists and geologists will find much to interest them on Dartford Heath, where there are some curious hollows, reached by narrow shafts and opening out at a depth of 70 to 80 ft. into galleries. Dug in the chalk, they were probably used as hiding-places. Dartford Priory, a royal residence of Henry VIII., and where Elizabeth also resided, is now only marked by the remains of its gatehouse, and a south wing, which is used as a farmhouse.

There is good trout-fishing to be had in the Darent at Farningham, five miles away. A considerable number of houses at rentals from £25 to £40 are to let, and larger houses in their own grounds at Wilmington.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—A good and frequent service of trains to and from the City by the South Eastern and Chatham Railway on the Dartford Loop Line.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Charing Cross ... | 2/8 | 1/10 | 1/5½ | 4/5 | 3/4 | 2/6 |
| Cannon Street ... | 2/8 | 1/8 | 1/4 | 4/5 | 3/4 | 2/6 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES.—All South Eastern Railway termini: 1st Class, £20. 2nd Class, £15 per annum. 3rd Class, £2 10s. quarterly.

RENTS.—£25 to £40 per annum. Larger houses at Wilmington.

RATES.—6s. 6d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 8d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5d. per unit, with reduction for large consumption.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—50 ft. to 100 ft.

DEATH RATE.—12·71 per 1000.

POPULATION.—18,643 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Grammar School; Principal, C. J. Mansford. GIRLS: County School for Girls (Technical Institute).

PLACES of WORSHIP.—Holy Trinity, Christ Church, St. Alban's, Catholic, Baptist, Congregational, Wesleyan, and Primitive Methodist.

RECREATIONS.—Dartford Golf Club; 9 holes; Secretary, Windham F. Sandeman. Two Recreation Grounds (Hesketh Park and the Central).

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT DARTFORD:—

*Estate Agents and House Furnishers*—STIDOLPH BROS., 82, High Street.

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# Dorking, Surrey.

ABOUT midway between Guildford and Redhill the ancient market town of Dorking lies in the continuation of the Holmesdale Valley, near its junction with that of Mickleham by which the river Mole cuts the ridge of the North Downs. The district surrounding the quaint old town is acknowledged to be the gem of Surrey scenery. With the same sandy soil as the other towns on the fringe of the Weald, it is famous for its timber, especially the conifers.

It is on the main road from London to Horsham and the south, and its coaching days are not yet over, in spite of the railway and the advent of the motor.

To the north are the chalk ridges of Ranmore and Box Hill, and southwards rises the greensand ridge terminating in Leith Hill, four miles away, from the summit of the tower on which the most extensive and remarkable view in the county is obtainable. The district is a paradise for the cyclist and the pedestrian. Among the numerous beautiful villages within a few miles of the town are those of Albury, Shere, Gomshall, and Wotton on the Guildford Road; Betchworth and Buckland on the Reigate Road; West Humble and Mickleham in the valley of the Mole under Box Hill; Abinger and Coldharbour on either side of Leith Hill; and Holmwood on the glorious Common of the same name.

The immediate neighbourhood boasts many beautiful seats—Deepdene, with its art treasures; Wotton, the seat of the Evelyns; Norbury Park at Mickleham, and others may be mentioned. At the foot of Box Hill, and close to the Mole, stands the Burford Bridge Hotel, once the Burford Inn, where Keats wrote part of his *Endymion*, and at which the last parting took place between Nelson and Lady Hamilton, prior to his departure for the cruise which ended at Trafalgar.

Dorking market day is Thursday; the market is held for corn and cattle on alternate weeks. A fair is still held on the eve of Thursday in Holy Week.

A Homeland Handbook giving full particulars of the Dorking district is in the press.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the main Portsmouth line of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, Dorking is reached in about an hour from London Bridge

and Victoria, while by the Redhill and Guildford route of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway about 20 or 30 minutes longer are usually taken, although some trains are not longer than the hour.

FARES by either route :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE | ... 4/– | 2/6 | 2/– |
| RETURN | ... 6/– | 4/6 | 3/3 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—1st class, £27 ; 2nd class, £22. Joint ticket, available by either route, 1st class, £30 10s., 2nd class, £26.

RATES.—6s. in the £. PRICE OF GAS, 4s. per 1000 cubic feet, 3d. discount for payment within the month. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Good hard, healthy sand.

ALTITUDE.—150 to 300 ft. Leith Hill is 965 ft. above the sea.

DEATH RATE.—12·7 per 1000.

DISTANCE FROM LONDON.—23 miles.

POPULATION.—Dorking Urban Council, 7,670 ; Rural Council, 3,740 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

RECREATIONS.—The district is hunted by several packs ; there are football, cricket, and tennis clubs. DORKING GOLF CLUB, 9 holes ; Secretary, R. B. Reid.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Parish Church of St. Martin, St. Paul's. Nonconformist Churches—Congregational, Wesleyan, and Baptist.

SCHOOLS.—High Class School for Boys ; Head Master, Rev. H. Roberts. Schools (Sons of Gentlemen), Town House and Parsonage House. High Class School for Girls ; Head Mistress, Miss Bronwen Davies. Victoria House ; the Misses Hague and Hodges. Spreydon House ; Miss Cunningham. Ebor House ; Miss Grosse.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT DORKING :—

*Estate Agent*—F. ARNOLD, 12, High Street.

*Provision Merchant*—HERBERT G. KINGHAM AND CO., High Street.

*Bookseller and Stationer*—C. T. BOND, 83, High Street.

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# Ealing, Middlesex.

EALING, which was little more than a rural village half a century ago, is now one of the leading suburbs of London, and the secret of its popularity is not difficult to guess. It is essentially a progressive place, as its buildings and social life prove, while the shops are some of the finest that one could desire. It is rich in parks and open spaces, which comprise a total area of 117 acres, most of them under the control of the Town Council. During the summer months the Town Band provides open-air concerts. There are facilities for all kinds of outdoor sports, and generous provision is made for every kind of recreation. It holds a very satisfactory record in health statistics. The town stands fairly high, with a subsoil largely composed of gravel, its houses are well built and drained, and its sewerage system, designed and carried out by one of the leading engineers of the day, is one of the finest in the country. It has a good and constant supply of water, and its principal streets are lined with avenues of fine trees and lighted with electric light. There are two excellent 18-hole golf courses in the borough, and the West Middlesex Links are reached by electric car in a quarter of an hour. There is a good train service to town by the Great Western and Metropolitan Railways, and for those to whom the "Silver reaches of the Thames" hold attractions, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, Pangbourne, Goring, etc., are on the direct line and within easy distance.

The theatre, built a few years ago, is one of the most complete suburban houses, with a weekly change of programme by first-class companies.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—From Paddington, 5¾ miles. District Railway, Electric Trams.

FARES from Paddington to Ealing West:—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 1/- | 8d. | 5½d. |
| RETURN... ... | 1/6 | 1/- | 9d. |

To Ealing Broadway—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 10d. | 7d. | 5d. |
| RETURN... ... | 1/3 | 10d. | 8d. |

From Victoria and Mansion House to Ealing Common—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 8d. | 6d. | 5d. |
| RETURN... ... | 1/- | 9d. | 8d |

At the time of writing we understand that the fares on the District Railway will probably be subject to revision at an early date.

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—From Paddington—

| | 1st Class | 2nd Class | 3rd Class |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ealing ... ... | £8 10s. 0d. | £6 10s. 0d. | £5 4s. 0d. |
| West Ealing ... | £9 10s. 0d. | £7 12s. 6d. | £5 15s. 0d. |

RENTS.—Good class houses from £30 upwards.

RATES.—6s. 9d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5d. per B.T. unit.

SUBSOIL.—Chiefly gravel.

ALTITUDE.—About 80 ft. above the sea level.

DEATH RATE.—10·2 per thousand.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday.

POPULATION.—Estimated at 43,780.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Ealing Grammar School, The Park. GIRLS: Helena College, Montpelier Road.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Christ Church, Uxbridge Road; St. Mary's, St. Mary's Road; St. John's, Mattock Lane; St. Peter's, Mount Park Road; St. Stephen's, St. Stephen's Road; Baptist Chapels in Argyle Road, Chapel Road, and Haven Green; Wesleyan Chapels in Broadway and Windsor Road; St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) Mount Park Road; St. Benedict's (Roman Catholic), Blakesley Avenue; Congregational Church, Ealing Green.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.—Ealing Golf Club: 18 holes; Secretary, L. Moritz, 15, Kent Gardens; Subscription, £6 6s.; Entrance, £3 3s.; course excellent and sporting; well-kept greens; hazards—the river Brent, numerous plantations, and ditches. Hanger Hill Golf Club: 18 holes; Secretary, D. L. Cottam. Hanger Hill Ladies' Golf Club: 9 holes; Secretary, Mrs. F. L. Cormack. Subscription, £6 6s.; Ladies, £4 4s.; Entrance, £10 10s.; Ladies, £3 3s.; course difficult and sporting, large greens, good turf, well drained. West Middlesex Golf Club: 18 holes; Secretary, E. Bradley Hunt, Southall; Subscription, £5 5s.; Ladies, £2 2s.; Entrance, £7 7s.; Ladies, £2 2s.; excellent sporting course, dry and firm soil, well-kept greens; hazards—gravel pits, ditches, ponds, railways. Also several cricket, lawn tennis, rowing, football, and swimming clubs.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT EALING:—

*Estate Agents*—C. RAWLEY CROSS & CO., 37, Broadway.

*Drapers, etc.*—ELDRED SAYERS & SON, Western House.

*Wine Merchants*—F. S. STOWELL, LTD., 8, The Mall.

*Builders*—W. DALEY & CO., 8, Twyford Avenue, Acton.

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# East Grinstead, Sussex.

EAST GRINSTEAD, a town 30 miles distant from London, on the Sussex border, is reached in about one and a quarter hours from either Victoria or London Bridge on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway. Situated among rural surroundings it is a busy place. The sanitary arrangements of the town are good. It is therefore likely to become very popular as a residential centre; being on an eminence and the soil in the vicinity being light, an excellent hygienic condition is afforded. The whole district of Ashdown Forest, including East Grinstead, is situated on the Hastings Sands, the lowest beds of the Wealden series, and the beautiful pine woods, which flourish so freely on sandy soil, cover many miles of what is known to geologists as the Forest ridge of Sussex. The air is invigorating and the town commands most extensive views of the surrounding country. There are many sporting facilities, which include hunting, shooting, fishing, and golf; there are also social, cricket, and football clubs. The cyclist will find that the district abounds in delightful rides, whilst the proximity to Ashdown Forest gives ample opportunity for charming walks and excursions.

Tunbridge Wells and Three Bridges are within easy reach, being 13 and 7 miles distant respectively. There are excellent facilities for shopping and every Thursday there is a market, renowned for its farm and market-garden produce. Twice a year in April and December a fair is still held in the town. There are several old and interesting places to visit in the neighbourhood. The quaint building known as Sackville College was founded in 1608 by Robert, Earl of Dorset, as almshouses, and in the Perpendicular Church of St. Swithin there are some interesting brasses dating from 1505.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—From London Bridge, Victoria, or Kensington by the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway.

FARES.—London Bridge or Victoria :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 5/- | 3/2 | 2/5½ |
| RETURN ... | 8/10 | 6/- | 4/11 |

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to Tuesday Return Fares :— 1st Class, 7s. 6d.; 2nd Class, 4s. 9d.; 3rd Class, 3s. 9d. Cheap ticket day to London—Wednesday.

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—London Bridge, Victoria, and Kensington : 1st Class, £30 per annum ; 2nd. Class, £23 per annum.

RENTS.—From £30 to £250 per annum.

RATES.—About 6s. 6d. in the £. GAS, 4s. 6d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Sandstone.

ALTITUDE.—About 400 ft.

DEATH RATE.—10·6 per 1000.

POPULATION.—Estimated (1904), 6400.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Fonthill School ; Principal, Mr. W. W. Radcliffe. Charters Towers ; Principal, Mr. Du Brath. GIRLS : St. Margaret's Convent School.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Swithin's (Parish), St. Mary's and Roman Catholic, Wesleyan, Congregational and Baptist Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Hunting with the Surrey Staghounds and Burstow Foxhounds, shooting, fishing, hockey, cricket, and football clubs. Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Links, 3 miles distant ; 18 holes ; Secretary, Ernest P. Shute ; subscription, £2 2s. ; ladies, £1 1s. ; entrance, £10 10s. ; ladies, £2 2s. A splendid course, requiring straight driving, soil light, ground undulating, grass short, lies good, and greens excellent. Hazards are whins, sand-pits, streams, heather, watercourses, and bunkers. The North Sussex Club, a gentleman's social club : subscription, £3 3s. ; entrance fee, £2 2s.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES IN EAST GRINSTEAD :—

*Estate Agents*—ELLIS & PALMER, 46, London Road.

*Furnishing Ironmongers*—A. & C. BRIDGLAND, Ltd., 33 & 35, London Road.

*Furnishing*—A. S. MAYNARD & Co., 15, 17, 19, High Street.

*Coal Merchants*—HEASMAN BROS., London Road.

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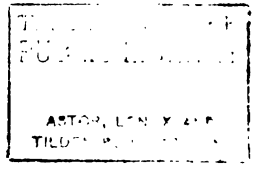
# East Molesey, Surrey, and Hampton Court, Middlesex.

TAKING its name from the river Mole, which here flows into the Thames, East Molesey is situated on the right bank of the river immediately opposite Hampton Court. A good and quick service of trains to Waterloo with cheap fares, as well as a frequent service of electric cars from Hampton Court Bridge to Shepherd's Bush, brings the City and West End within very easy reach. An excellent system of main drainage has been carried out by the District Council, and the Sanitary conditions of the place are good. The death rate is exceedingly low, and according to the report of the Medical Officer of Health the district is exceptionally free from Zymotic diseases. The surroundings of Molesey are charming, the river of course being the chief attraction during the summer months. Molesey Lock presents an animated scene during the boating season, and it is estimated that 100,000 craft pass through it or over the rollers during the year. There are many pleasant river trips to be taken, either up or down stream, and in all directions there are delightful walks and drives to the many places of interest with which this district abounds. The roads are excellent for cycling or motoring, and several golf links are available. The district on the south side of the river has been much extended during the last few years, but as most of the land around Hampton Court is Crown property it is somewhat difficult to obtain residences on the Middlesex side in the vicinity of the Palace, the beautifully wooded surroundings of which will ever tend to preserve the popularity of the whole district as a place of residence.

The palace of Cardinal Wolsey was given by him in 1525 to King Henry VIII., who added considerably to the building. It was a favourite place of residence of Queen Elizabeth, Charles I., and William III., who laid out part of the famous gardens in the Dutch style.

Full particulars of the district will be found in "Kingston and Surbiton," Homeland Handbook No. 24, from all booksellers.

**The Clock Court, Hampton Court.**



RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Hampton Court Station, on the London and South Western Railway, serves the village of East Molesey, and the trains are fast and frequent.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo ... ... | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/2½ | 2/9 | 2/- | 1/10 |
| Cheap tickets by any train after 2 p.m. on Wednesdays | — | — | — | 2/3 | 1/6 | 1/3 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—1st class, £20 ; 2nd class, £15 per annum ; 3rd class, £3 quarterly.

RENTS.—Cheap.

RATES.—6s. 8d. in the £. GAS, 3s. 4d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel.

ALTITUDE.—About 30 feet.

DEATH RATE.—8·7.

POPULATION.—In 1901, 5119.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 5 p.m.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's (parish), St. Paul's, Baptist, and Wesleyan Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Boating, cricket, football, hockey, tennis. Thames Ditton and Esher Golf Club, Close to Esher Station ; Secretary, H. S. Thompson ; Subscription, £1 1s. ; Entrance, £1 1s. ; a good 9-hole course, with natural hazards.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT EAST MOLESEY :—

*Estate Agents.*—FRED. GRIFFIN AND SONS, 7, Bridge Road.

*Builders*—FRED. GRIFFIN AND SONS, 7, Bridge Road.

*House Furnishers*—FRED. GRIFFIN AND SONS, 7, Bridge Road.

*China and Glass Merchants*—FRED. GRIFFIN AND SONS 7, Bridge Road.

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The FARES are as follows:—

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| SINGLE ... | 3/- | 2/- | 1/6 |
| RETURN ... | 5/3 | 3/6 | 3/- |

On Wednesdays cheap half-day tickets are issued at 4/-, 2/9, and 2/6.

SEASON TICKET RATES:—1st class, £23 per annum; 2nd class, £17 5s. per annum; 3rd class, £3 9s. quarterly.

RENTS are moderate.

RATES low, 4s. 6d. in the £ on assessed value. GAS, 3s. 3d. per 1000 cubic feet (Staines and Egham Gas Company). WATER, South West Suburban Water Company.

SUBSOIL.—The well-known Bagshot sands. Gravel on the lower levels, loamy clay on the slope of Egham Hill, and sand on the higher parts.

ALTITUDE, from about river level to 280 ft. at Englefield Green.

DEATH RATE.—10·0 per 1000. The district is proverbially a healthy one.

POPULATION, including Virginia Water and Englefield Green, 12,000.

EARLY CLOSING DAY, Thursday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Scaitcliffe, Englefield Green; Principal, J. N. Vickers. Royal Indian Engineering College. Eton College (twenty minutes by rail). GIRLS: Holloway College, Egham. College for Ladies, Englefield Green; Principal, Miss Weisse.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Parish Church of St. John the Baptist; Christ Church, Virginia Water; St. Jude's, Englefield Green; Baptist, Wesleyan, and Congregational Churches; Roman Catholic Church, Beaumont College.

RECREATIONS.—Boating and Fishing on the Thames. GOLF LINKS at Sunningdale, Ascot, and Chertsey (*q.v.*). HUNTING: Mr. Garth's, Surrey Union, Chiddingfold, Mid-Surrey, Bucks, Ripley and Knaphill Harriers, Household Brigade (Drag), Berks and Bucks Farmers' Staghounds.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT EGHAM:—

*Estate Agents*—FINN AND GALE, High Street.
*Builder*—GEO. GRAY, Queen's Road.
*Printer*—F. W. LARKIN, 60, High Street.
*Drapers*—T. JANES AND SON, 13-17, High Street.

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# Eltham, Kent.

ELTHAM, with its many historical associations, is on the North Kent Loop Line of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway, an interesting, old-fashioned town, lying between two stations—Eltham and Well Hall. In Saxon times it was called "Eald-ham"—the old home, or dwelling—and from the Domesday Book we find that the manor originally belonged to Edward the Confessor. From the days of Henry III. to Henry VIII. it was a royal residence, but little is left of the Palace, save the noble banqueting hall, which is well preserved, the buttery, the bridge spanning the moat, and the battlemented wall. The banqueting hall is an excellent specimen of the domestic architecture of the time of Edward IV. The town is to-day a prosperous and rising one, the houses are of the best class, with good gardens, and the surrounding country is chiefly pasture land. There is a good service of trains to the City, the quickest being timed to do the journey in fourteen minutes.

There are many good schools in the neighbourhood, also several golf clubs. Avery Hill, about a mile from the town, the residence of the late Colonel North, now belongs to the London County Council, and the grounds are always open. Shooter's Hill, surmounted by Severndroog Castle and commanding an extensive view of the Thames, is one of the landmarks of the locality.

The Church of Eltham was rebuilt in 1875, but there are some interesting tombs and a fine lofty oak reredos well worth seeing. During his life in England, Vandyke resided here in summer time. Geologically the district is full of interest and rich in fossils. Woolwich, with its arsenal and barracks, is but a short distance away.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Three railway stations give access to town, Eltham and Mottingham and New Eltham on the Dartford Loop Line, and Well Hall Station on the Bexleyheath Branch of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Eltham to Charing Cross ... | 1/8 | 1/- | 9½d. | 2/9 | 2/- | 1/7 |
| „ Cannon Street... | 1/4 | 10d. | 8d. | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/4 |
| New Eltham to Charing Cross ... ... ... | 1/10 | 1/2 | 10½d. | 3/- | 2/2 | 1/9 |
| New Eltham to Cannon Street ... ... ... | 1/6 | 11d. | 9d. | 2/6 | 1/10 | 1/6 |
| Well Hall to Charing Cross | 1/6 | 11d. | 8d. | 2/5 | 1/10 | 1/4 |
| „ „ Cannon Street | 1/4 | 10d. | 7d. | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/2 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

| | per annum. 1st | 2nd | quarterly. 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eltham and Mottingham, available at Well Hall and Grove Park ... | £17 | £13 | £2 5s. |
| New Eltham and Pope Street, available at Well Hall and Grove Park | £17 5s. | £13 5s. | £2 7s. 6d. |

RENTS.—From £30 to £150.

RATES.—7s. 6d. in the £. GAS, very cheap, 2s. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT now being installed by the U.D.C.

SUBSOIL.—Higher parts of the town, sand; gravel and clay in the lower parts.

ALTITUDE.—100 to 200 feet.

DEATH RATE.—9·5 per 1000.

POPULATION.—7218 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Eltham College, Royal Naval School; Principal, Rev. A. E. Rubie, D.D. Peachfield School; Principal, Lieut. Chamberlain. GIRLS: Babington House; Principal, Miss Harwood.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. John the Baptist, Church of the Holy Trinity, Roman Catholic, Congregational, and Baptist.

RECREATIONS.—Golf, hockey, cricket, and football clubs; choral and orchestral societies; rose and horticultural association. Eltham Golf Club; Secretary, R. A. Collingwood. Subscription—£5 5s.; ladies, £1 6s. Entrance—£10 10s.; ladies, £1 1s. Course (18 holes) is a splendid one, well-drained, turf good, and greens in excellent condition. Hazards principally sand-bunkers, ponds, and hedges. The Eltham Warren Golf Club (9 holes) and Belmont Park Golf Club.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT ELTHAM :—

*Auctioneers and Estate Agents*—WHISTLER & WORGE, 100, High Street, Eltham.

*Baker*—G. H. WYATT, 94, High Street, Eltham.

*Coal Merchants*—W. BROWN AND SONS, Lee Green, and Eltham.

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# Epsom, Surrey.

PLEASANTLY situated at the foot of the Downs bearing its name and surrounded by country typical of Surrey, Epsom is within easy reach of London by the lines of two Companies. A quiet rural town, it retains much of its old-world appearance, and substantial signs of a period of active prosperity in the past, evinced by its many old and picturesque houses.

The down and valley roads offer glorious opportunities to pedestrian, motorist, and cyclist. The high land lying between the Portsmouth and Guildford Road, which passes through Epsom and divides at Leatherhead, and the Brighton Road from Croydon through Redhill is intersected by a network of perfect tracks for the wheelman. The neighbouring villages are full of antiquarian interest; amongst them may be mentioned Cheam, Ewell, Banstead, Walton-on-the-Hill, Ashstead, Stoke d'Abernon, and many others. The main road to Guildford and Dorking passes through the town.

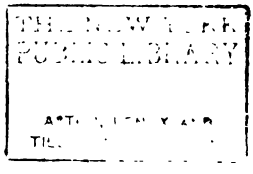
In the time of Charles II. the town came within the grip of fashion, consequent upon the discovery of the saline springs, known as Epsom Wells, and shortly after the destruction of its popularity as a watering-place the pastime of horse-racing, which had been carried on upon the Downs from the early days of the seventeeth century, received an impetus in the establishment at the summer meeting of the two famous events, named after their promoter and his estate, The Derby and The Oaks.

The Earl of Rosebery, in his introduction to the Homeland Handbook for Epsom* and its surroundings, says, "For two weeks, then, or for a part of them, Epsom races and revels; and recovers during the remaining fifty. The recovery is less sweet than it was, for what was once rural is now suburban. But Nature happily, as we know, is not easily expelled. There are still common land and down, still stately trees and vernal blossom, the nightingales still sing—the air is still racy and clear."

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Epsom is served by the London and South Western, and London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Companies. The City stations are Waterloo (L. & S. W. R.), London Bridge, and Victoria (L. B. & S. C. R.), the latter line having routes *via* Peckham and Croydon,

* Full particulars of the surrounding country will be found in "Epsom and the Epsom District," Homeland Handbook No. 17, price 9d., from the publishers of this volume and all Booksellers.

*From a drawing by*] **In High Street, Epsom.** [GORDON HOME.



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uniting at Sutton. The stations, which are distinct, are both situated in the town, and there are two on Epsom Downs, L. B. & S. C. R. and S. E. R.

The FARES are as follows from all City stations :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 2/3 | 1/6 | 1/2 |
| DOUBLE ... | 3/- | 2/6 | 2/2 |

There are also cheap return day tickets issued from London by certain trains.

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—Joint tickets available by either company's route to London : 1st Class, £21 ; 2nd Class, £15. By one line only : 1st Class, £19 ; 2nd Class, £13. A discount of from 5 per cent. to 15 per cent. is allowed when two or more members of the same family take season tickets.

POPULATION.—14,000 (est.).

RATES.—About 6*s.* 8*d.*

GAS.—3s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT.—5½d. per B.T. unit.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk, gravel, and clay.

ALTITUDE.—The Town 200 feet above sea level. The Downs 500 feet above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—(1903) 10 per 1000.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Epsom College : Principal, Rev. T. N. H. Smith-Pearce. GIRLS : The Hollies School ; Principal, Miss Woodhead.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Martin's Parish Church, Church Street ; Christ Church, Epsom Common ; The Congregational Chapel, Church Street ; Baptist and Strict Baptist Chapels, Wesleyan Methodist Church, Roman Catholic Chapel.

AMUSEMENTS.—Epsom Golf Club : Golf Links, 18-hole course, Epsom Downs ; Secretary, J. F. Smith ; Subscription, £1 11s. 6d. ; Entrance Fee, £5 5s. "Sporting greens, charming views, and the very best of air." Rifle Club, Cricket Club, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, West Surrey Staghounds, Surrey Union Foxhounds.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES IN EPSOM :—

*Estate Agent*—W. H. CORBETT, IA, High Street.

*Booksellers and Stationers*—L. W. ANDREWS AND SON, The Library, High Street.

*Baker and Confectioner*—W. BARNARD, near Clock Tower.

*Coal Merchant*—F. H. TROWER, High Street and South Street.

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# Esher, Surrey.

FOURTEEN miles from Waterloo on the London and South Western Railway, the pretty village of Esher is situated on a hill near the river Mole, at an altitude of about 160 ft. It is an attractive place with its beautiful common and pine woods. There are numerous places of interest within easy reach, amongst which may be mentioned Hampton Court, Sandown, Kempton, and Hurst Park race-courses, Bushey Park, Thames Ditton, and Kingston-on-Thames. The latter provide excellent boating, and every cyclist knows the delight of the Ripley Road. Esher has the distinction of being a Royal district. The principal manor originally belonged to Leutfrid's-Cross Abbey, in the reign of Henry III. In Henry VIII.'s reign it was formed into part of Hampton Court chase. It was afterwards bought by Queen Elizabeth, and subsequently sold to Francis Drake. Lord Clive bought it in 1768 and built Claremont Palace. Being purchased by the Crown in 1816, it was allotted to Princess Charlotte and Prince Leopold, and here the latter remained after his wife's death until his accession to the Belgian Throne. It has since been the residence of Queen Victoria, Louis Philippe and his Queen, the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise, and at the present time is the property and in the occupation of H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany.

Esher Place, once the residence of Cardinal Wolsey, has a fine park of 145 acres, and, being on an eminence, commands extensive views.

There is a good system of main drainage, which was laid some years ago under a scheme of the Kingston Rural Sanitary Authority, which has now been perfected by the Urban District Council, and the healthiness of the district makes it a favourite residential one. Besides good hunting, there are golf, cricket, and tennis clubs.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the main line of the London and South Western Railway. The quickest trains take half an hour.

For full particulars of the district see Homeland Handbook for Kingston, No. 24 of the series.

| FARES :— | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 2/3 | 1/6 | 1/2 |
| RETURN ... | 3/- | 2/4 | 2/- |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—1st class, £20; 2nd class, £15 per annum; 3rd class, £3 quarterly.

RENTS from £35 to £350.

RATES.—6s. 4d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and sand.

ALTITUDE.—About 160 ft.

DEATH RATE.—9·9 per 1000.

DISTANCE FROM LONDON.—14 miles

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, two o'clock.

POPULATION.—2423 (1901).

SPORTS AND RECREATIONS.—Good Hunting with Surrey Farmers' Staghounds and Surrey Union Foxhounds; Village Cricket Club, Esher Cricket Club, Tennis Club. Esher Golf Club; Secretary, Douglas Ridley; subscription, £1 1s.; entrance, £1 1s.; good course, nine holes. Claygate Golf Club; Secretary, C. M. Usher; subscription, £2 2s.; ladies, £1 1s.; entrance, £1 1s., ladies 10s. 6d.; nine-hole course, 1½ miles in extent, good and sporting, very square, excellent greens; hazards—bracken, bushes, whins, and trees.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Parish Church, West End Church, Friends' Meeting House, Baptist, and Wesleyan Churches.

IMPORTANT SCHOOLS. — BOYS : Sandroyd, Cobham; Principal, C. P. Wilson. Girls' School; Principal, Miss Cox.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT ESHER :—

*Auctioneers and Estate Agents*—GARROD AND WATSON, F.A.I., High Street.

*Baker*—J. M. MILNE, High Street.

*Corn and Coal Merchants*—J. & B. MARSH, High Street.

*Drapers*—STILES BROS., Surrey House, High Street.

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# Guildford, Surrey.

IT would be difficult to find a town more pleasantly situated than Guildford, the county town of Surrey. The surrounding country presents endless variety, and is counted among the most beautiful in England. As for the town itself, it has interest from the points of view of the historian, the antiquary, and the æsthete; while an up-to-date Corporation see that from the sanitarian's point of view it lacks nothing. It is situated on the river Wey, some thirty miles south-west of the metropolis, and is an ancient town, dating as far back as the time of Alfred. It possesses a castle (now in ruins and surrounded by a beautiful public garden) which dates from shortly after the Norman Conquest.

Besides the castle, there are a number of buildings in the town which deserve attention. Among these may be mentioned Trinity Hospital, founded by Archbishop Abbot; the Guildhall, with the fine projecting clock; County Hall, County Hospital, Grammar School, Archbishop Abbot's School, and the Churches of St. Nicholas, Holy Trinity, and St. Mary, with remains of side chapels founded as early as 1313.

Commercially the town is not of great importance, but there are iron foundries and breweries within the borough, which has also a considerable trade in corn and cattle.

Hunting is plentiful, being supplied by the Knaphill Harriers, the Chiddingfold Foxhounds, and the Surrey Farmers' and West Surrey Staghounds. Fishing can be had in the Wey and Tillingbourne, and in private water; while boating can be indulged in on the Wey.*

Guildford is said to possess the best inland golf links in the South of England.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Guildford is served by the London and South Western Railway Company. Terminus, Waterloo. It is connected with Horsham by the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, and with Dorking and Redhill by the South Eastern and Chatham Railway.

* Full particulars of this beautiful district will be found in "Surrey's Capital," Homeland Handbook No. 11, of all booksellers.

The FARES to Waterloo are as follows:—

| From Central Station | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE... ... | 5/- | 3/2 | 2/6 |
| RETURN ... | 8/9 | 5/6 | 5/- |
| „ London Road | | | |
| SINGLE... ... | 4/9 | 3/- | 2/4½ |
| RETURN ... | 8/4 | 5/3 | 4/9 |

Cheap week-end tickets are issued.

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—1st Class, £25; 2nd Class, £18 15s.

RENTS.—£40 to £55, £80 to £200.

RATES.—About 8s. 3d. (including water rate). GAS, 3s. 6d. per 1000, less 7d. per 1000 discount. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. per unit, less about 1d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk (principally) and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—150 ft. to 500 ft. above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—15·7 per 1000.

POPULATION.—15,937 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 4 o'clock.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS. — Castle Pleasure Grounds, Recreation Ground for cricket, football, and tennis. Golf Clubs. Excellent 18-hole Courses for both ladies and gentlemen. Hon. Sec., Dr. B. G. Frith, Drumgay, Guildford; Secretary, H. S. Folker, 9, High Street. Hon. Sec., Ladies' Club, Miss Lane, Downfold, Guildford.

PLACES of WORSHIP.—Holy Trinity, St. Mary's, St. Nicholas' Churches, and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

SCHOOLS.—Boys: King Edward VI. Grammar School; Principal, J. C. Honeybourne, M.A. Grenville School, Principal, A. T. G. Hunt, B.A. GIRLS: Cambridge House; Principal, Miss Howatson. Girls' High School.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT GUILDFORD:—

*Estate Agents*—Hewett & Lee, 143, High Street, Guildford.

*Watchmakers and Jewellers*—R. Salsbury & Sons, 56, High Street.

*Furnishing*—E. S. Barfoot, 10, High Street.

*Laundry*—C. H. Adams, County Model Laundry, Cemetery Road.

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# Hampton and Hampton Hill, Middlesex.

HAMPTON, one of the river-side suburbs of the Metropolis, is sought by those who look for a quiet place of residence within easy reach of London. Sites are rapidly being covered with modern dwellings, and the erection of good shops meets the resulting demand. The health of the present and future residents has already occupied the minds of the Council, who in 1899 completed their drainage scheme, which has proved most satisfactory and beneficial to the inhabitants. Before this scheme was carried out the ground water was within 3 ft. of the surface, but by means of subsoil drainage this level has been permanently lowered to 8 ft., rendering the town thoroughly healthy. Hampton Hill is about a mile from the river and at an elevation of some 60 ft., the air being good and invigorating. The surrounding country is interesting, and there is excellent boating and yachting on the river. Hampton Court is too well known to need more than a passing allusion as one of the places of interest in the neighbourhood. The gardens alone are worth going miles to see. The Home Park and Bushey Park, the latter covering more than 1000 acres, are an asset of which any district might be proud—and the country on the Surrey side of the river offers to all who use the wheel an immense field of natural beauty and antiquarian interest. The breezy commons of the Bagshot district are within easy reach, and the beautiful valley of the Wey open to exploration. Hurst Park and Kempton Park race-courses are both near at hand. Being only 12 miles distant, the city is quickly reached by a good service of trains, and electric trams run to Shepherd's Bush, Hammersmith, and Kingston.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—From Waterloo by the London and South Western Railway.

FARES :—

| Hampton | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/2 |
| RETURN ... | 2/9 | 2/3 | 2/- |

| Fulwell (Hampton Hill) | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/0½ |
| RETURN ... | 2/6 | 2/- | 1/9 |

Cheap tickets are issued daily before 8 a.m., and after 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—Hampton, 1st Class, £19; 2nd Class, £14 per annum; 3rd Class, £2 16s. quarterly. Fulwell (Hampton Hill) 1st Class, £18; 2nd Class, £13 10s. per annum; 3rd Class, £2 14s. quarterly.

RENTS.—Moderate.

RATES.—5s. 10d. in the £. GAS, 3s. 2d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5½d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Rich gravel.

ALTITUDE.—From river level to 60 ft.

DEATH RATE.—10·4.

POPULATION.—7200 (est.).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Pembroke House; Principal Mr. T. J. Ellis, B.A. Burlington House; Principal, Mr. A. Elsee, M.A. Grammar School; Principal, Mr. W. A. Roberts, M.A. GIRLS: Summerleigh; Principal, Madame Mottu. The Old Grange School; Principal, Miss Lawrence.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. James', St. Mary's, Wesleyan, Baptist and Congregational Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, football, tennis, rowing and swimming clubs. Three golf clubs available: Strawberry Hill; Secretary, E. Evans, Strawberry Hill, with 9 holes: Fulwell Golf Club, 18 holes; Secretary, H. O. Stutchbury, Hampton Hill: Surbiton Home Park Golf Club, 18 holes; Secretary, George Brann.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES:—

*Estate Agents*—BALLARD & MARSH, High Street, Hampton Hill.

*Furniture Removals*—WINTOUR PHELPS & SONS, Teddington.

*Dairyman*—W. POUPART, High Street, Teddington.

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# Henley-upon-Thames, Oxfordshire.

DELIGHTFULLY situated at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, on the north bank of the river, and overlooking the rising ground on the Berkshire shore, Henley occupies a position more highly favoured by Nature than most riverside towns.

The noble stone bridge which connects the two counties is admittedly one of the finest in Europe. The famous Regatta reach has been visited by countless thousands from all parts of the world, and the annual regatta held in July probably takes precedence amongst the athletic meetings of the country. The charm of this part of the river is unrivalled, and the scenery above the bridge, between Henley and Sonning, is beautiful in the extreme, especially the reach above Marsh Lock, beneath the Park Place Woods, which compares favourably with the well-known Cliveden scenery.

The fine old parish church, with its massive tower, is a magnificent example of old flint work, and its position close to the river adds to the picturesqueness of the town when seen from the Thames.

The railway station is practically on the river bank, while the wide, clean streets, excellent shops, and the public accommodation afforded by the fine new municipal buildings add to the pleasure of residence in this ancient borough, the charter of which was granted as far back as the year 1307.

A considerable area of delightfully timbered land immediately adjoining the town is rapidly being developed, detached houses, with grounds of from one to ten acres, being erected thereon.

During the summer months the daily excursions by Messrs. Salter's steamers offer ready means for visiting all parts of the river at convenient hours of the day, while every class of craft is obtainable from the local boat proprietors.

The famous commons around Henley afford miles of galloping ground for those fond of horse exercise, and no part of England can boast more beautiful rustic walks.

The cricket ground is one of the prettiest imaginable, and there is an excellent club. There are also rowing, tennis, football, and cycling clubs. The famous Huntercombe golf course, one of the finest inland courses in

England, and to which a service of motor-cars runs, is within six miles, and a smaller but excellent course is available at Peppard.

The journey to Paddington occupies less than an hour, and there is a first-rate train service.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the Twyford branch of the Great Western Railway.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| | 6/- | 3/9 | 2/11½ ... | 10/6 | 6/6 | 5/11 |
| Friday, Saturday, Sunday to Tuesday ... ... ... | | | | 8/- | 5/6 | 4/6 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

| 1st Class | 2nd Class | 3rd Class |
|---|---|---|
| £28 5s. | £24 15s. | £20 4s. per annum. |

RENTS.—From £40 to £200.

RATES.—About 6s. 8d. in the £. GAS, 4s. 4d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and chalk.

ALTITUDE.—From 100 ft. to 400 ft.

DEATH RATE.—12·3 per 1000.

POPULATION.—5984.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Royal Grammar School (endowed 1604); Principal, J. H. J. Valpy, M.A. GIRLS: Misses Fahy's High School. Ursuline Convent School for Girls.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's (parish), Holy Trinity, Greys, Roman Catholic, and Nonconformist Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Huntercombe Golf Club, near Henley; Secretary, A. B. Robertson; 18 holes. Motor cars run between Station and Links. Peppard Golf Club: Hon. Secretary, Col. H. Davis; 9 holes. Boating, cricket, tennis, football, cycling, fishing.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT HENLEY :—

*Estate Agents*—SIMMONS & SONS, Hart Street.

*Dairy*—T. ATKINS, 12 & 14, Market Place.

*Brewers*—W. H. BRAKSPEAR & SONS, Ltd.

*Provision Merchant*—DANIEL BURGIS, 33, Market Place.

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# High Wycombe, Bucks.

THE ancient market town of Chipping or High Wycombe, twenty-nine miles by road from London, lies in a valley among the chalk hills of South Buckinghamshire. It is the most important town in the county, and carries on a large trade in the manufacture of chairs and furniture of all descriptions. Situated five miles from Great Marlow, and to the west of the district known as the Chalfont Country, its surroundings are delightful. There are scattered in its immediate neighbourhood a number of villages whose names are household words in connection with the past history and literature of our land.

It is only necessary to mention Hampden and Hughenden, associated with the names of John Hampden and Benjamin Disraeli; Penn, associated with the family of the great Quaker who founded Pennsylvania. Further afield, Jordans, where Penn and his two wives, and Ellwood the friend of Milton, are buried; Beaconsfield, where Edmund Waller the poet and Edmund Burke the statesman are buried; Chalfont St. Giles, where the cottage in which Milton lived stands as a permanent memorial and museum to the memory of the poet; and Stoke Poges, the home of Thomas Gray's mother and sister. Stoke Poges Church is the scene of the immortal "Elegy," and the poet's tomb is just outside the east window.

Wycombe Church is a fine Perpendicular building. The surrounding country is very diversified; the typical features of a chalky district are mingled with those associated with the alluvial soil of a river valley. The roads are good for the wheelman; and for those who prefer walking unlimited scope is offered by the Chiltern Hills, which rise in quite close proximity to the town to the height of over 600 ft., and afford some excellent views, over the Thames Valley, of the surrounding country.*

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—High Wycombe is served by the Great Western Railway *via* Maidenhead Junction, the distance from Paddington being 34¼ miles. A new direct line, the joint property of the Great Western and Great Central, from London to Oxford, will shortly be

* For full particulars of the district see "The Chalfont Country," Homeland Handbook No. 33, from the publishers of this volume.

opened, and trains will then be timed to do the run in about 35 minutes.

The FARES are as follows :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 4/- | 2/6 | 2/- |
| RETURN ... | 6/- | 3/9 | 3/- |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—1st class, £26 5s. ; 2nd class, £20 10s. ; 3rd class, £16 15s.

RENTS to suit all classes.

RATES.—8s. in the £. GAS, 4s. 2d. per 1000 cubic feet (High Wycombe Gas Light and Coke Company), a reduction made for driving power. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5d. per B.T. unit, reduced to 2d. after a certain proportionate consumption.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk and loam.

ALTITUDE.—200 to 400 ft. above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—13·5 per 1000.

POPULATION.—17,600 (est.).

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: High Wycombe Grammar School; GIRLS: County High School; Miss Christie, M.A. Wycombe Abbey School; Miss Dove. **The Godstowe Preparatory School for Little Girls and Boys**; Mrs. Scott.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—The Parish Church of All Saints (called the Cathedral of Bucks), Rev. E. D. Shaw ; St. John's Church ; and Christ Church. Nonconformist Churches of all denominations, including Roman Catholic Church.

RECREATION AND AMUSEMENTS.—GOLF : Downley Links, a nine-hole course on common land. Wycombe and Bourne End Golf Club, 9 holes (to be increased to 18) ; Secretary, A. J. Parrott—at Flackwell Heath, within five minutes of Loudwater station. West Wycombe Golf Club, 9 holes ; Secretary, Dr. G. D. K. Bannerman, High Wycombe. HUNTING: Old Berkeley Hunt (West), Fox Hounds, Stag Hounds. Aylesbury district within easy distance.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES IN HIGH WYCOMBE :—

*Estate Agents*—MESSRS. RAFFETY AND SON, 30, High Street.

*Coal Merchants and Furniture Removers*—W. V. BAINES & SON.

*Sanitary Engineers, etc.*—A. WOOLFORD & Co., Frogmore.

*Circulating Library*—T. M. CLARKE, 21, Queen Square.

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# Hither Green, Kent.

HITHER GREEN, forming part of the district governed by the Lewisham Corporation, is seven miles from London. There is a large station serving both the main line and the Dartford Loop line, which here diverge. There is a good and frequent service of trains to the City, the journey occupying about twelve minutes. The neighbourhood has sprung into notoriety by the opening up by Cameron Corbett, Esq., M.P., in 1896, of a large estate, and a considerable area is now built over. The houses, which are of moderate size, have their own garden plots, and are modern in structure and sanitation. The fact that no public-house has been erected on the estate should tend to keep the neighbourhood a quiet one. Pretty walks can be had in the immediate neighbourhood, the cyclist may be in a very short space of time in some of the prettiest Kentish scenery, and a short distance by rail transports the traveller into the midst of the Garden of England, with its hop gardens and cherry orchards. The elevated plateau of Blackheath, and Greenwich Park, are within easy access, and the old town of Eltham with its rural surroundings (*q.v.*).

The Crays, a cluster of picturesque villages on the banks of the Cray, are easy of access, and Chislehurst, standing on an eminence, with beautiful and extensive views over the surrounding country, is also within a short ride.

Catford has some good shops, those at Hither Green at present being rather small. They are, however, rapidly improving, and will continue to do so with the demand of an increasing population.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Main Line; also on the Dartford Loop and Bromley North branches.

For full particulars of the country to the south, see the Homeland Handbook for Bromley, Beckenham, and Chislehurst, No. 22 of the series.

| FARES :— | | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Charing Cross | ... | 1/2 | -/9 | -/7 | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/2 |
| Cannon Street | ... | 1/- | -/8 | -/6 | 1/8 | 1/3 | 1/- |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—Hither Green, available at Catford Bridge and Catford: 1st Class, £14; 2nd Class, £10 10s. per annum; 3rd Class, £2 5s. quarterly. We understand a reduction is made to persons living on the St. Germans Estate.

RENTS.—£24 to £60 per annum.

RATES.—7s. 8d. in the £. GAS, 2s. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Loam and clay.

ALTITUDE.—70 ft. to 100 ft.

DEATH RATE.—Low (see Lewisham).

POPULATION.—About 25,000 (est.).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Catford Collegiate School; Principal, Rev. J. B. Blomfield. St. Dunstan's College; Principal, Chas. M. Stuart, M.A., F.C.S., F.T.C. GIRLS: Lewisham Grammar School; Principal, Miss E. M. Ashworth. There are many smaller schools. Also see under Lewisham and Blackheath.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Swithin's, St. Andrew's, and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations within easy reach.

RECREATIONS.—Theatres and music hall at New Cross and Bromley. Golf at Blackheath, Eltham, and Chislehurst. Cricket and Football Clubs.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES :—

*Estate Agents*—AMEY BROS., 184, Brownhill Road, Catford.

*Laundry*—ATLAS STEAM LAUNDRY, 172, Brownhill Road, Catford.

*Flour and Corn Merchants*—THE KENTISH FLOUR AND GRAIN CO., 86, Brownhill Road, Catford.

*Dairy*—PAYNE & Co., Grange Farm Creamery, Brownhill Road, Catford.

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# Horsham, Sussex.

AN important market town on the main Portsmouth Line of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, situated on the river Arun, which flows to the south of the town, close to the Parish Church.

This edifice, dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, has much of interest for students of ecclesiastical architecture, despite considerable restoration. The nave and chancel have a continuous arcade of simple character, and the whole effect of the interior is that of beautiful proportion and simplicity of design.

The country round is some of the finest in the Wealden district. The town is close to the beautiful St. Leonards Forest, which extends for some miles to the east.

The neighbourhood of Horsham is popular as a residential district, and with a better direct train service would rapidly grow. The Urban District Council have done much to improve the appearance of the town, which is lighted with gas and electricity, and has an excellent water supply derived from the Lower Tunbridge Sands. There is also an efficient drainage system.

The main thoroughfares are busy, and contain good shops. Some of the streets are lined with pollard limes and chestnuts, which, in conjunction with the number of ancient timbered sixteenth- and seventeenth-century houses, add greatly to the picturesque aspect. The Causeway leading to the parish church is a most quaint and beautiful road. On the north side of the town, near the station, stands a notable example of mediæval domestic architecture—an old farmhouse of the sixteenth century known as North Chapel.

Christ's Hospital, removed in 1902 from Newgate Street, City, occupies some 1200 acres at West Horsham, where the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company have erected a new station. Amongst other houses of interest in the neighbourhood are Field Place (the birthplace of Shelley), and Denne House, once a residence of the De Braose family, approached by a fine avenue of limes in an extensive park well stocked with deer.

The Duke of Norfolk is Lord of the Manor.

For full particulars of the town and district see The Homeland Handbook for Horsham, No. 38 of the series.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the main Portsmouth line of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, and in direct communication with London Bridge and Victoria, and within easy distance from the coast. There are branch lines connecting Horsham with Three Bridges on the main Brighton line and Guildford.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Victoria or London Bridge | 6/- | 3/11 | 2/11½ | 9/8 | 7/6 | 5/11 |
| Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to Tuesday | | | | 9/- | 6/- | 4/6 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—London Bridge and Victoria, 1st class, £32; 2nd class, £24 per annum.

RENTS.—£30 to £100.

RATES.—6s. 11d. in the £. GAS, 4s. 2d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. and 3d. per B.T. unit, or flat rate of 6d. per B.T. unit.

SUBSOIL.—Sand, sandstone, and clay.

ALTITUDE.—120 to 230 ft.

DEATH RATE.—12·1 (1903).

POPULATION.—11,200.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 1 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Horsham Grammar School; Principal, Rev. G. A. Thompson, M.A., LL.D. Springfield Park School; Principal, Gerald Blunt, M.A., F.R.G.S., J.P. GIRLS: Heathfield House, Hurst Road; Principal, Miss French.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's (parish), St. Mark's, Holy Trinity, Roman Catholic, Congregational, Baptist, Primitive Methodist, Wesleyan, Friends' Meeting House, and several missions.

RECREATIONS. — Crawley and Horsham Foxhounds, Warnham Staghounds, cricket, football, athletic, cycle, and tennis clubs. Golf Clubs at Crawley and Dorking.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT HORSHAM:—

*Booksellers*—S. PRICE & Co., 48, West Street, Horsham.
*Grocery and Provisions*—H. CHURCHMAN, Bank Stores.
*Baker*—E. SEAGRAVE, The Bishopric and Springfield Road.

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# Hounslow, Middlesex.

A TOWNSHIP under the municipal government of the Heston and Isleworth Urban District Council, with a rapidly increasing population. Owing to the easy communication with the Metropolis, by tram and rail, a large number of new estates are being opened up and developed, and the rents are for the most part moderate. There are four railway stations, and the District Railway will shortly be served by a quick service of electrically propelled trains. The London United Tramway Company has a frequent service to Hammersmith and Shepherd's Bush.

Hounslow main street is lined with excellent, and many of them old-established, shops, and its appearance is still a reminder that the place was once a country village. In past days it was the first posting station from London on the Great Western Road. There are many market gardens in the district, the soil being most suitable for the cultivation of all kinds of vegetables and market produce. Two fairs are held in the town, on Trinity Monday and the Monday after Michaelmas Day. Kneller Hall, the Royal Military School of Music, is near, and during the summer, from April till October, the band gives public performances on Thursday afternoons when the weather permits. The Thames with its many attractions is but a short distance from Hounslow, the nearest points being Isleworth and Twickenham.

To the westward is Hounslow Heath, a large open tract, formerly frequented by highway robbers and footpads. To the north is Osterley Park, and to the north-west Cranford Church, where Fuller, author of the "Worthies of England," was curate, and where, in the chancel, he was buried in 1661. As Coleridge wrote of him, "he was incomparably the most sensible great man of an age that boasted a galaxy of great men."

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—From Waterloo and Ludgate Hill by the London and South Western Railway, and Moorgate Street on the Metropolitan railway.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo ... ... | 1/3 | 1/- | 10d. | 2/- | 1/8 | 1/6 |
| Ludgate Hill ... ... | 1/6 | 1/3 | 1/- | 2/3 | 1/9 | 1/6 |
| Mansion House to Hounslow Barracks ... | 1/- | 8d. | 7d. | 1/6 | 1/2 | 1/- |

We understand that the fares on the District Railway will shortly be revised.

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—Waterloo *viâ* Barnes and Hammersmith: 1st Class, £17 per annum; 2nd Class, £12 15s. per annum; 3rd Class, £2 11s. per quarter. Moorgate Street: 1st Class, £17 per annum; 2nd Class, £12 15s. per annum; 3rd Class, £10 5s. per annum.

RENTS.—Houses are generally cheap.

RATES.—Heston and Hounslow, 7s. 4d. in the £. Isleworth, 7s. 11d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel.

ALTITUDE.—About 60 feet.

DEATH RATE.—16·8 per 1000.

POPULATION.—11,377.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Hounslow Commercial College; Principal, Mr. J. C. Mainwaring. County High School, Isleworth; Principal, W. T. Kenwood, B.A. Heston House School; Principal, Henry R. Hobbs, B.A. GIRLS: St. Stephen's College; Principal, Mrs. Lepine. Ladies School; Principal, The Misses Norrington. High School for Girls, Isleworth; Principal, Madame Berond. Nantly House College and The Lawn, Bath Road.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Holy Trinity, St. Stephen's, St. Paul's, Roman Catholic, and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Football, cricket, bowling, and hockey clubs, and an Orchestral Society. Golf, see under Richmond and Hampton.

# Kew, Surrey.

THE extension of the electric trams to Kew has brought the neighbourhood into great prominence as a residential centre. In the olden days it was known as "Kay-hough," the "wood" or "hough" by the Quay. It is, like many other places near London, losing its distinctive features, and almost the only one that is left is the quaint old Green.

The Church of St. Anne, which adjoins the Green, is interesting from the fact that it contains an organ presented by George IV., which is said to have belonged to Handel, and was also used by George III. for many years. The churchyard contains the vault of the Duchess of Cambridge (the late Duke's mother) and also the tomb of Gainsborough, who, though not a resident, expressed a desire to be interred there. The Royal Botanic Gardens, which are the chief attraction of the town, are almost unique. Founded by George III. and his mother in 1760, they were made a national institution in 1840 by the gift of Queen Victoria, when they were extended from 11 to over 300 acres.

There is a steamboat pier at which pleasure steamers call during the summer months on their way to and from London Bridge. Kew Bridge, which has recently been rebuilt, connects Surrey and Middlesex. The Richmond Golf Links are about a mile from the town, and the course of 18 holes is a splendid one and well kept. The club has a membership of 400, which testifies to its popularity. There are also other social and recreative clubs, and London is within such easy reach that other amusements are readily obtained. There are many delightful walks and rides in the neighbourhood and every facility for boating.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—To Kew Bridge on the Middlesex shore from Waterloo, Ludgate Hill, Broad Street; also direct communication by the District Railway to Kensington and the West End. To Kew Gardens on the Surrey side of the river from Waterloo, Ludgate Hill, Broad Street, and by the Metropolitan Railway from Moorgate Street.

FARES :—

| | Single. | | | Return. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo and Kew Bridge ... | 1/– | –/9 | –/8 | 1/6 | 1/1 | 1/ |
| Ludgate Hill ,, ,, ... | 1/3 | 1/– | –/10 | 1/9 | 1/4 | 1/2 |
| Broad Street ,, ,, ... | 1/– | –/8 | –/6 | 1/6 | 1/– | –/9 |
| Waterloo and Kew Gardens... | 1/2 | 1/– | –/9 | 1/9 | 1/4 | 1/2 |
| Ludgate Hill ,, ,, ... | 1/2 | 1/– | –/9 | 1/9 | 1/4 | 1/2 |
| Broad Street ,, ,, ... | 1/2 | –/10 | –/8 | 1/9 | 1/3 | 1/– |
| Moorgate Street ,, ,, ... | 1/2 | 1/– | –/9 | 1/9 | 1/4 | 1/2 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

| | 1st Class. Per annum | 2nd Class. Per annum | 3rd Class. Quarterly |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kew Bridge (L. & S.W. Ry.) | £15 | £10 | £2 |
| Kew Gardens (L. & S.W. Ry) | £16 | £12 | £2 7s. 6d. |
| ,, ,, (S.E. & C. Ry. and L. & S.W. Ry.) | £17 10s. | £13 2s. 6d. | |
| | | | Per annum |
| ,, ,, (Metrop. Ry.) ... | £15 | £11 | £9 |

RENTS.—From £30 per annum.

RATES.—6s. in the £. GAS, 2s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per B.T. unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and sand.

ALTITUDE.—20 to 30 ft.

DEATH RATE.—10·4 per 1000.

POPULATION.—2699 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: King's School, Kew Green. County Schools, Kew Road, Richmond. Several private schools. GIRLS: King's Schools, Kew Green. Broomfield House Ladies' School; Miss M. I. Richards, B.A. Private School (Ladies), Kew Green (Miss Filch).

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Anne's (parish), St. Luke's, Roman Catholic and Nonconformist Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Boating is one of the principal recreations, and Richmond lock being within easy reach, the discomforts of low tide are avoided. Richmond Golf Club (18 holes), Sudbrook Park, Petersham; Secretary, R. Pierce. Subscription, £5 5s.; entrance, £10 10s. Kew cricket, hockey, tennis, and football clubs.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT KEW :—

*Estate Agents*—S. P. HOPKINS & Co., Kew Estate Office. Telephone 411, Post Office, Richmond.

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# Kingston-upon-Thames and Norbiton, Surrey.

THIS Royal Borough and important market town is a favourite residential place. Its surroundings are attractive, it is healthy, and very convenient for town, having a good service of trains which occupy about half an hour on the journey to Waterloo. It is a good educational centre, there being a large choice of schools. The town is governed by a Corporation, who have spared no efforts in rendering the district healthy and attractive. The wide roads are well paved and drained, and are lighted by gas and electricity. There are good shops, and a market is held in the picturesque market square every Saturday, which presents a scene of almost Continental animation. There are swimming and private baths, and an excellent library and museum, and among several open spaces, there is a recreation ground of thirteen acres.

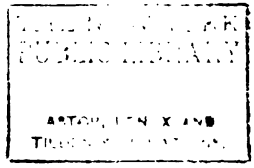
As a boating and angling resort Kingston is very popular. Steamers ply between Kingston and Oxford during the boating season; the journey occupying two days, Henley being the halting place for the night. Steamers also run between London and Hampton Court during the summer months. There are two riverside promenades, upon which a band plays during the season.

Norbiton, a suburb adjoining Kingston Hill, is a more modern locality, with residences of the best class. Richmond Park, Hampton Court, the Home and Bushey Parks, Esher, Ham House and Common, are all places of interest in the locality.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Kingston and Norbiton are on the London and South Western Railway, and may be approached either *via* Coombe and Malden, which is the direct route, or in the opposite direction *via* Barnes. The latter line connects Teddington, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, and Richmond. Ludgate Hill may be reached by the London and South Western Railway and South Eastern and Chatham Railway joint line.

For further particulars of Kingston, see No. 24 of the Homeland Handbooks, "Kingston and Surbiton," from the publishers of this volume.

*Photograph*] **The Regatta at Kingston.** [G. T. Jones & Co.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| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Kingston and Waterloo ... | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/- | 2/6 | 2/- | 1/8 |
| Kingston and Ludgate Hill | 2/2 | 1/6 | 1/2 | 2/9 | 2/3 | 2/- |
| Norbiton and Waterloo ... | 1/10 | 1/2 | 11d. | 2/6 | 2/- | 1/8 |
| Norbiton and Ludgate Hill | 2/3 | 1/9 | 1/2½ | 3/- | 2/6 | 2/- |

There are cheap tickets to town on Wednesdays.

| SEASON-TICKET RATES :— | Per annum. | | Quarterly. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Kingston and Norbiton ... | £18 | £13 10s. | £2 14s. |
| Kingston and Norbiton, *via* Barnes, Hammersmith, or Wimbledon ... ... | £20 10s. | £15 7s. 6d. | |

RENTS.—£20 to £300 per annum.

RATES.—5s. 11d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. per B.T. unit with rebate to 3d.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and clay.

ALTITUDE.—33 to 144 feet.

DEATH RATE.—13·6.

POPULATION.—34,375 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Grammar School; Principal, E. N. Marshall, M.A. Tiffin's School; Principal, C. J. Grist, M.A. "Elmhurst"; Principals, H. C. and A. Anstey, B.A. "Gordon House"; Principal, W. Dixon. GIRLS: Tiffin's School; Principal, Miss Flavell. "Shirley"; Principals, Misses Hansell. Surbiton High School; Principal, Miss A. M. Proctor.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—All Saints' (Parish) and five other Episcopal Churches, two Roman Catholic, and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.—Royal County Theatre, St. James' Hall.

RECREATIONS.—Boating, yachting, cricket, football, tennis, and lacrosse. Three golf links easy of access—Coombe Woods, Kingston Hill, Surbiton Home Park, and Waffons, Long Ditton. This course is situated on Ditton Hill, and is an excellent sporting one of 18 holes, turf, old pasture, and the natural hazards many and varied. Secretary, J. F. Kindrew. Subscription—£3 3s.; ladies, £1 11s. 6d. Entrance, £2 2s.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT KINGSTON :—

*Estate Office*—A. G. BONSOR, opposite the Station, Kingston.

*Cycle and Motor Works*—KINGSTON & SURBITON CYCLE & MOTOR CO., 34–36, Surbiton Road, Kingston.

*House Furnishers*—SMITHERS & SONS, 104–114, London Road, Kingston.

*Boat Builder*—B. POPE, Picton House, High Street and Portsmouth Road, Kingston.

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# Leatherhead, Surrey.

THIS old-fashioned town, eighteen miles from London, with a population of 6,000, is situated on the River Mole, the winding course of which, following the Horsham Road from near Dorking Mill, renders that highway without doubt one of the most beautiful in Surrey.

The Church, dedicated to SS. Mary and Nicholas, a twelfth century cruciform edifice, boasts a charming situation on high ground; there are also other places of worship and a Literary and Scientific Institute, containing a Library and Concert Hall.

The surroundings afford walks and country rambles in great variety; within a three-mile radius many well-known places are situated. Amongst the beautiful and interesting villages may be mentioned Mickleham, Fetcham, Headley, Ashtead, Stoke d'Abernon, and the Bookhams. The fine range of Downs extending along the east side of the river valley and terminated by Box Hill to the south, are unexcelled for their health-giving atmosphere, and besides these, Norbury Park, Ashtead Woods, the remains of a fine old Saxon forest, and the celebrated Epsom Downs and race course are within easy walking distance. The cyclist is specially favoured, owing to the good condition of the roads.*

Its position renders Leatherhead one of the healthiest towns in the south, and in 1904 it enjoyed the distinction of having the lowest death rate in the county. It boasts a new and exceptionally good system of drainage, upon which about £40,000 were spent some three years since.

The Golf Links in Packesham Park, on the outskirts of the town, are one of the best inland 18-hole courses, in England; in the midst of charming rural scenery, their position alone would prove a great attraction. The well-appointed Club-house commands lovely views over every part of the three-mile circuit of the Links.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION is exceptionally good. There are two stations, the South Western Railway, doing the journey to Waterloo in 28 minutes, and the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway to London Bridge and Victoria in 40 minutes.

The train service has been much improved within the last year or so. A service of fast trains between London and Epsom, Ashtead, and Leatherhead, having been arranged, and the town being on the main Portsmouth line of the L. B. & S. C. Ry., a direct service to the south coast is available, and by the L. & S. W. Ry. through Reading to the Midlands.

* The Homeland Handbook for Dorking and Leatherhead is in the press and will shortly be issued.

FARES to London Bridge, Victoria or Waterloo :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 3/- | 2/- | 1/6 |
| RETURN ... | 4/- | 3/- | 2/9 |

Return tickets are interchangeable on payment of an excess of 6d. Cheap return tickets to London are issued on Wednesdays.

SEASON TICKETS :—S. W. to Waterloo : 1st Class, £20 ; 2nd Class, £14. L. B. & S. C. to Victoria and London Bridge : 1st Class, £20 ; 2nd Class, £14. Joint tickets available over both lines : 1st Class, £22 ; 2nd Class, £16. A reduction is made when two or more tickets are taken in the same family.

RENTS.—There are houses to suit all classes, a number of the more important residences ranging from £150 to £400 per annum, and there are many from £150 down to £50 per annum. Houses below the latter figure are difficult to obtain, as there are very few semi-detached villas in the district.

RATES.—6s. 8d. in the £. GAS.—3s. 10d. per 1000. ELECTRIC LIGHT.—7d. per unit ; for purposes other than lighting 4d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk, gravel, clay.

ALTITUDE.—From 100 to 350 feet.

DEATH RATE FOR 1903.—8·3 per thousand.

POPULATION.—4,694 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday 1 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : St. John's Foundation School, founded for the Sons of the Clergy, but now open also to lay scholars and day boys ; Head Master, Rev. A. F. Rutty, M.A. Preparatory School for Boys ; M. C. Haskins, B.A. GIRLS : **Leatherhead Court** ; Principal, Miss Tullis. Parson's Mead ; Principal, Miss Elliston.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—The Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Nicholas (Vicar, Rev. Canon F. E. Utterton, M.A., R.D.) ; All Saints, Kingston Road. There are also Wesleyan, Methodist, Congregational, and other Chapels.

RECREATION.—Surrey Golf Club, Packesham Park, 18 holes ; Secretary, H. A. H. M'Dougall.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES :—

*Estate Agent*—CHAS. OSENTON, F.S.I., F.A.I., North Street, Leatherhead, and at Ashtead and Epsom.

*Dairy*—THE BARNETT WOOD DAIRY CO., High Street.

*Coal and Corn Merchant*—JOSEPH HUTCHINSON, Church Street.

*Coachbuilders*—E. VENTHAM & SONS, Dorking and Leatherhead.

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# Lewisham, Kent.

ONE of the largest of the London Boroughs, six miles from the city, and well provided with means of communication therewith, Lewisham has been for many years a popular residential neighbourhood. There are three railway stations on the South Eastern and Chatham Railway, and New Cross or Brockley Stations on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway link up all the neighbouring districts. It is in close proximity to Blackheath and to Greenwich Park, which is some two hundred acres in extent. The Hilly Fields and Ladywell Recreation Ground are other open spaces. It is a healthy suburb, and there are many good schools in and around Lewisham. Historically the locality does not contain much of interest. The manor originally belonged to St. Peter's Abbey at Ghent, but afterwards became Crown property, and eventually came into the possession of the first Lord Dartmouth. The Earl of Dartmouth's second title is Viscount Lewisham, from this parish.

During the construction of the railway the ancient well of "Our Lady" was destroyed, but a part of the district still retains the name of Ladywell. There are numerous pleasant walks. The Crystal Palace, with its entertainments and amusements, is one of the attractions within easy reach. There are several athletic clubs, and the Blackheath Golf Links are within ten minutes' walk of the eastern part of the Borough.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—The South Eastern and Chatham Railway have three stations at Lewisham, one being on the Greenwich Branch and the others on the Blackheath and Mid Kent Branches; from the last-named line connection may be made with the Great Northern Railway. New Cross and Brockley Stations on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway also serve the district, and electric cars run between Greenwich and the bridges, *via* the Elephant and Castle.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Lewisham Junction and Charing Cross ... ... | 1/- | 8d. | 5½d. | 1/6 | 1/- | 9d. |
| Lewisham Junction and Cannon Street ... ... | 10d. | 6d. | 4d. | 1/2 | 10d. | 7d. |
| Lewisham Junction and Finsbury Park ... ... | 1/6 | 1/2 | 8d. | 2/4 | 1/9 | 1/4 |
| Lewisham Road and Victoria | 9d. | 8d. | 6d. | 1/2 | 10d. | 7d. |

| | Single. | | | Return. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Lewisham Road and Ludgate Hill ... ... ... | 9d. | 7d. | 5d. | 1/2 | 9d. | 7d. |
| Lewisham Road and Moorgate Street ... ... | 10d. | 8d. | 6d. | 1/3 | 1/- | 9d. |
| Lewisham Road and King's Cross ... ... ... | 1/- | 10d. | 7d. | 1/6 | 1/1 | 11d. |

Season-Ticket Rates:—Lewisham, available at Greenwich and Greenwich Park, 1st class, £12 per annum; 2nd class, £9 per annum; 3rd class, £1 17s. 6d. quarterly, dating from the first day of a month. Lewisham Road, available at Crofton Park, 1st class, £9 10s. per annum; 2nd class £6 15s. per annum. These tickets may be extended to Moorgate Street and King's Cross by additional payment.

Rents.—£24 to £200 per annum.

Rates.—7s. 8d. in the £. Gas, 2s. per 1000 cubic feet. Electric Light, 6d. per unit.

Subsoil.—Gravel generally.

Altitude.—36 to 88 feet.

Death Rate.—13·7.

Population.—128,346 (1901).

Early Closing Day.—Thursday.

Schools.—Boys: Colfe Grammar School; Head Master. F. W. Lucas, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.G.S., F.R.Hist.S. West Kent Grammar School; Lewisham Park School; Principal, Percy W. Ames, LL.D., F.S.A. Catford Collegiate School; Principal, Rev. J. B. Blomfield. Girls: Lewisham Grammar School for Girls; Principal, Miss E. M. Ashworth. Knightsville College; Principal, Miss L. Wood. Grafton House School; Principal, Miss Gordon.

Places of Worship.—St. Mary's (Parish), St. Stephen's Church of the Transfiguration, St. Marks, and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

Recreations.—Numerous cricket, hockey, lacrosse, and football clubs. Golf Links at Blackheath; Secretary, G. Spurling. Subscription—£3 3s.; ladies, 15s. 6d. Entrance—£5 5s.; ladies, £2 2s.

Useful Business Houses:—

*Estate Offices*—Skilton & Goulden, 3, High Street Lewisham.

*Furniture Removals*—George Stroud, Tower House, Lewisham.

*Laundry*—The Ladywell Sanitary Laundry, Church Grove, Ladywell.

*Tailor.*—J. M. Major, 9A, Loampit Vale.

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# Maidenhead, Berkshire.

THIS municipal borough and market town is one of the most popular residential districts on the banks of the Thames, which is here crossed by two bridges, one of stone, built in 1772, and the other of brick, carrying the railway, and designed by the famous engineer Brunel, and notable as a daring instance of wide spans combined with a low rise of arch. It is situated in the midst of the most picturesque and unequalled river scenery, and on one of the favourite reaches of the Thames; Boulter's Lock, above the bridge, is one of the busiest places on the river in the height of the boating season. The district comprises Cookham and the rising riverside resort Bourne End, whilst on the opposite bank of the river is Taplow, whose wooded slopes embosom Cliveden, now the property of Mr. W. W. Astor. Hurley, with the remains of its old Benedictine Priory, is within an easy distance by road; its back-waters, with their overhanging trees, provide a cool retreat from the summer sun. Bray, the home of the vicar celebrated in song, is about a mile distant, and one is not surprised that he wished to live and die in this secluded and peaceful spot, embowered in trees and with such idyllic surroundings. A visit to Burnham Beeches, one of the finest and most famous collections of trees in England, makes a pleasant outing, and to those who desire to go farther afield, either driving, cycling, or motoring, Stoke Poges Church, where Gray is buried, and which is immortalised in his "Elegy," will afford a delightful excursion through exquisite country lanes.

The principal streets of Maidenhead contain good shops, and the quick trains to town accomplish the distance in thirty-five minutes. It is a good hunting centre, and holds two regattas (annually) in the month of August.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS.—From Paddington by the G.W.R.

FARES (Paddington):—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 4/- | 2/6 | 2/- |
| RETURN ... | 6/- | 3/9 | 3/- |

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to Tuesday, 5s. 6d.

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—1st class, £26 5s.; 2nd class, £20 2s. 6d.; 3rd class, £15 8s.

RENTS.—Unfurnished houses from £25 to £250 per annum. Furnished houses for the boating season from 3 guineas to 25 guineas per week.

RATES.—7s. 4d. in the £. GAS, 3s. 9d. per 1000 cubic ft. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—80 to 260 ft.

DEATH RATE.—12·3 per 1000.

POPULATION.—12,980.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—Boys: Cordwallis School; Principal, the Rev. C. R. Carter. Maidenhead College; Principal, Mr. A. D. Millar Inglis. Craufurd College; Principal, Mr. J. L. Polack. Modern School; Principal, F. Fairman, M.A. Girls: Craufurd House; Principals, Misses Green and Stokes. Castle Hill; Principal, Miss Wilkinson. Public High School; Principal, Miss Mary Burn, M.A.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary (parish), St. Luke's, St. Mark's, St. Peter's, All Saints', Roman Catholic, and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Hunting with the Berks and Bucks Staghounds and Mr. Garth's Foxhounds. Rowing, fishing, cricket clubs, Maidenhead Golf Club—secretary, A. J. Berger; subscription, £3 3s., ladies, £1 1s.; entrance, £2 2s., ladies, £1 1s.; good sporting course of eighteen holes, covers some 150 acres, and is only three minutes from Maidenhead station; sandy soil and gravel subsoil; well-kept greens. Handsome free library. Technical school. Two Conservative clubs. Recreation ground given by W. H. Grenfell, Esq., M.P. Kidwell's Park, of ten acres, given by the late J. D. M. Pearce, J.P.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT MAIDENHEAD:—

*Auctioneer and Estate Agent*—J. H. HUMFREY, 108, Queen Street. Established 1875, and at Bourne End.

*Grocers and Ironmongers*—STUCHBERY'S STORES (P. AND S. THOMPSON, LTD.), 63 to 67, High Street.

*Coal Merchants*—R. WEBSTER & SONS, 124, High Street, and at Cookham and Wargrave.

*Upholsterer and Cabinet Maker*—FRED BLUMFIELD, 103, High Street.

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# Marlow, Bucks.

IMMORTALISED by poets and artists, Marlow is acknowledged to be one of the loveliest districts within easy reach of town. An old-world riverside town, 30 miles from London, *via* Maidenhead and Bourne End, on a branch of the Great Western Railway.

Its two principal streets are well supplied with business houses, and the neighbourhood has good educational advantages. A tablet on a house in West Street commemorates the fact that Shelley lived and was visited there by Lord Byron, and that he here wrote some of his finest poems.

The river is crossed by a suspension bridge, which replaced a wooden structure in 1831, and which affords exquisite views both up and down stream. It is the work of Tierney Clark, the eminent engineer. Numerous and varied rambles of all sorts can be enjoyed—perhaps the most popular of all being amid the beautiful Quarry Woods, only about ten minutes' walk from the bridge, a favourite spot with artists, and where picnic parties find all that can be desired in the way of environment. Boating is of course the principal recreation, and every facility will be found for indulging in angling; in fact, the delights of this, the most beautiful part of the River Thames, are never ending. The principal places of interest within easy rowing distance are Bourne End—the training place of the Oxford University crew—Cookham, with its quaint village, ancient church, and the beautiful Cliveden woods, which reach to Taplow and Maidenhead. Up stream Hurley, with its noted backwaters, Medmenham, Hambledon, Henley, and Sonning, may be visited, and within these points it may truly be said that the best of the river has been seen. Walks innumerable either through leafy lanes or on the wooded hill slopes will delight the pedestrian, and the cyclist will find the country abounding in charming rides. To the north are the Chiltern Hills, from the breezy heights of which glorious views of the surrounding country and the Thames valley may be obtained, and amongst which the

student of the past will find much to occupy his mind. The Chalfont district lies to the east and north-east. Bisham, a neighbouring village on the Berkshire side of the river, is another delightful spot to visit, and has many historical associations. The church, on the river bank and embosomed in trees, is a picture of peace and tranquillity frequently portrayed by artists.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—From Paddington on the Great Western Railway.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Paddington ... | 4/6 | 2/10 | 2/2½ | 6/9 | 4/4 | 3/5 |
| Friday to Tuesday | | | | 6/6 | | |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—Paddington: 1st class, £27; 2nd class, £23 15s.; 3rd class, £19 8s.

RENTS.—£30 to £100 per annum.

RATES.—5s. in the £. GAS, 4s. 6d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk.

ALTITUDE.—100 to 130 feet.

DEATH RATE.—Approximate average 15·03.

POPULATION.—4633 (est.).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Borlase School; Principal, Rev. A. J. Skinner, B.A. GIRLS: Elmwood, Miss Aisbitt. The Convent, Miss Crowther.

PLACES OF WORSHIP. — All Saints' (Parish), Holy Trinity, Roman Catholic, Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Rowing, Angling, Cricket, Tennis, and Football Clubs. Choral and Horticultural Societies. Golf, see Maidenhead and High Wycombe.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT MARLOW:—

*Estate Agents.*—LAWRENCE AND SON, Marlow.

*Furniture Removers*—HORACE LACEY, Station Road.

*Corn Merchant*—SYDNEY J. SMITH, West Street.

*Baker and Confectioner*—C. H. CARTER, The Causeway and West Street.

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# Mitcham, Surrey.

MITCHAM, an ancient village, spoken of in the Domesday Book as Michelham, is situated on the river Wandle. The common, of some 480 acres in extent, is a possession much valued by the residents, its breezy tract providing a pure and healthy atmosphere and its gravelly subsoil ensuring dry roads. Delightful walks abound, and the cyclist soon finds himself in charming country and within easy reach of such places as Kingston and Hampton Court, Wimbledon, Sutton, Epsom, Banstead. Market gardening was formerly the chief industry of the place, a speciality being made in medicinal plants, such as rhubarb, liquorice, mint, poppies, peppermint, etc., while roses and lavender were largely grown for perfume, but are not so extensively cultivated now. It is historically interesting from the fact that Sir Walter Raleigh resided there. It still holds an annual fair on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of August. There is an excellent 18-hole golf course on the common, and a 9-hole course for ladies. The Cricket Club is one of the most noted in the county, many well-known Surrey cricketers having played upon the village green. London is only about 9 miles distant (by rail 10½), and can be reached by either the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway or the London and South Western Railway in about half an hour. There is a good service of omnibuses connecting Lower Mitcham with Tooting Junction and the London County Council's trams. The fact that the rates show a steady decrease should be an attraction to would-be residents in the district.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—There are two railway stations, Mitcham Junction, on the main line to Portsmouth (L.B & S.C.R.), and Mitcham, on the branch line West Croydon to Wimbledon, which also connects with the L. & S.W.R. to Waterloo and Ludgate Hill.

| Fares :— | Single. | | | Return. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Mitcham Junction to Victoria or London Bridge ... ... | 1/6 | 1/2 | -/10 | 2/6 | 1/9 | 1/3 |
| To Waterloo ... | 1/6 | 1/2 | -/10 | 2/6 | 2/- | 1/5 |
| Mitcham to Victoria, Kensington, and London Bridge ... | 1/5 | -/11 | -/9 | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/2 |
| To Waterloo ... | 1/6 | 1/2 | -/9 | 2/6 | 1/11 | 1/4 |

Season-Ticket Rates :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Victoria & London Bridge | £15 10s. | £9 15s. | per ann. |
| Waterloo ... ... ... | £16 10s. | £10 15s. | ,, |

Rents.—From £25 upwards.

Rates.—6s. 10d. in the £. Gas 3s. 6d. per 1000 cubic feet.

Subsoil.—Gravel.

Altitude, about 100 ft.

Death Rate.—(1902), 14·3 per 1000.

Population.—14,903 (1901).

Early Closing Day.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

Schools.—Boys: Whitgift Grammar School, at Croydon. Girls: High Schools, at Wimbledon or Croydon. Private Schools, at Mitcham, for young children.

Places of Worship.—SS. Peter and Paul, Christchurch, St. Mark's, and Roman Catholic and Nonconformist Churches.

Recreations.—Cricket Club; Secretary, W. W. Thompson. Subscription, 7*s.* 6*d.* Princes Golf Club; Secretary, H. Mallaby-Deeley, Mitcham Court. Subscription, £5 5s.; Ladies, £3 3s. Entrance, £10 10s.; Ladies £2 2s. Secretary; Miss Langley, 31, Queen's Gate Terrace, S.W. Sporting course, 18 holes, excellent turf, large well-kept greens, very dry gravelly soil. Hazards—ponds, ditches, whins, gorse, and sand bunkers.

Useful Business Houses at Mitcham :—

*Estate Agents.*—Chart, Sons, and Reading, The Vestry Hall, and at Croydon.

*Dairy.*—Hughes and Davey, The Broadway, and 10, The Parade.

*See page* 229.

# Mottingham, Kent.

A DELIGHTFULLY rural and picturesque locality, eight miles to the south-east of London, on the main road to Chislehurst, and situate in the county of Kent, midway between Grove Park, Lee, and Eltham, one and a half miles from beautiful Chislehurst and two and a half miles from Bromley.

There is a good railway service from Charing Cross, Cannon Street, and London Bridge to Eltham Station (six minutes' walk from Mottingham), frequent trains doing the journey in from twenty to thirty minutes.

Mottingham was originally a hamlet of Eltham, and is historically connected with that place; now, however, consequent upon the formation of the County of London, it is situated just outside the L.C.C. jurisdiction, and included in that of the County of Kent. Mottingham is governed by a Parish Council and is in the Union of the Bromley (Kent) District Council. The parochial and sanitary arrangements are well ordered and maintained. The sewerage arrangements are part of the West Kent system. The district is well lighted with incandescent gas by the South Metropolitan Gas Co.

Although Mottingham (Saxon, Moddigheim) is so near London, the locality is chiefly attractive in consequence of the retention of its rural characteristics. There are many charming country walks to Lee, Grove Park, Chislehurst, Elmstead, Sundridge Park, Bromley, and Eltham, at which place is the historic palace of the Kings of England, from the days of Henry III. to those of Henry VIII., the banqueting hall of which has lately been restored. The fine residence of the late Colonel North, known as Avery Hill, is within easy walking distance; it has, with its beautiful Winter Garden and Park, lately been acquired by the London County Council and opened to the public. Mottingham is an ecclesiastical parish formed in 1884. The parish church of St. Andrew, consisting of nave and temporary chancel, was built in 1880, the rectory six years later, the north transept being added to the church in 1897.

About forty acres of meadow land have lately been purchased by the London Playing Fields Association for development as a Sports Ground. Tennis, cricket, and football pitches will thus be obtainable for the formation of local clubs.

Occupying a charming position on the Grove Park Road is Eltham College for Boys (the old Naval School), originally established at Camberwell, removed to New Cross, and finally to Mottingham in 1889. To the fine old buildings—at one time the residence of Lord Chancellor Bathurst, and known as "Fairy Hall"—are added head master's residence, gymnasium, swimming bath, fives court, and infirmary—all in its own grounds of eighteen acres.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Mottingham is served by the Eltham Station of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway, which is six minutes' walk from the village. For particulars of FARES and SEASON TICKETS see Eltham section.

RENTS.—Moderate. Houses can be obtained from £20 to £150 per annum.

RATES—LOW, and are likely to be lower. In 1904 4s. 4d. in the £. GAS, 2s. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Partly gravel and sand and partly clay.

ALTITUDE.—130 to 200 ft.

DEATH RATE.—6 per 1000.

POPULATION.—In 1901, 1332, including over 100 inmates of school.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 5 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Royal Naval School, Eltham College; Patron, His Majesty the King; Principal, Rev. A. E. Rubie, D.D. Kent County Council School. Mottingham House School for Roman Catholic Orphans.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Parish Church of St. Andrew, Wesleyan Chapel, Plymouth Brethren Meeting House, Roman Catholic Chapel attached to Mottingham House School.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, football. Good cycling roads. Eltham Golf Club; Secretary, R. A. Collingwood. Subscription, £5 5s; Ladies, £1 6s. Entrance, £10 10s.; Ladies, £1 1s. Course, 18 holes; well drained, good turf, and greens well kept. Warren Golf Club and Belmont Park Golf Club.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES at MOTTINGHAM:—

*Estate Agent, Builder, etc.*—WILLIAM POLLOCK, Dorset Road, and at West Park, Eltham.

*Coal and Corn Merchant*—JOHN POLLOCK, High Street.

*Provision Merchant.*—THOMAS BUTCHER, The Pavement.

*Furnishing Ironmongers.*—TURNBULL & Co., Stafford Stores.

*See page* 230.

# New Malden and Coombe, Surrey.

WITHIN half an hour's railway journey from Waterloo, this district is a convenient and rapidly growing residential suburb, with the river and its concomitant delights within easy reach. The principal historic interest of the neighbourhood is attached to Malden proper, about a mile distant. The manor was purchased in the thirteenth century by Walter de Merton, then Lord Chancellor, for the purpose of establishing a college of priests and scholars, who in 1275 were transferred to Oxford, where they founded Merton College and named it after him. The manor was held entire until the reign of Henry VIII., when he took that part now known as Worcester Park. Queen Elizabeth compelled the college to grant her a five-thousand years' lease of the manor, but they regained it in 1707, with the exception of Worcester Park. On the high ground is Coombe House, where Lord Liverpool, when Prime Minister, resided, and where he entertained the Prince Regent, the Emperor of Russia, and the King of Prussia. The Coombe springs rise here, and supply Hampton Court Palace with water. Until recently the original pipes laid down by Cardinal Wolsey were in use, but cast-iron pipes are now substituted for them. There are many excursions to be taken in the neighbourhood, especially for those who cycle or drive: Kingston and the riverside towns to the north-west, Cheam, Ewell, Sutton, and Epsom to the south. The death-rate is very low, and proclaims the healthiness of the surroundings, which are at some elevation above the river. The houses, which are of moderate rentals, are close to the station, and the rates are low. Several estates are being developed and houses to suit a good class of tenant are being erected. Consequent upon the facilities of rapid transit to town, Coombe and Malden are becoming more and more popular.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—From Waterloo and Ludgate Hill by the London and South Western Railway.

For further particulars of the district see The Homeland Handbook for Kingston, No. 24.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo ... | 1/9 | 1/2 | 9d. | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/4 |
| Ludgate Hill ... | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/0½ | 2/6 | 2/- | 1/9 |

Workmen's tickets to Waterloo, 6d. Wednesday afternoon return, 1/8, 1/2, 10d.

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

| | 1st Class per annum. | 2nd Class per annum. | 3rd Class quarterly. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Waterloo ... | £16 | £12 | £2 8s. |
| Ludgate Hill | £18 10s. | £14 | |

RENTS.—Moderate; probably 10 per cent. less than similar houses at Wimbledon.

RATES.—5s. 6d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Loamy clay, fairly light. Coombe, all gravel.

ALTITUDE.—About 100 ft.

DEATH RATE.—9 per 1000.

POPULATION.—7091 (1904).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Malden College; Principal, A. Streeter. GIRLS: Hurcaton House, High School for Girls; Principal, Miss Davey. Preparatory School; Principals, the Misses Merryweather and Arnold.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Christ Church, St. James', Trinity; Baptist, Congregational, and Wesleyan Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket and football clubs, tennis, bowls, Raynes Park. Golf Club; Secretary, W. F. Mapleston. Sporting course, 18 holes; greens well guarded, good turf; hazards—streams, trees, hedges, and bunkers. A new golf link has just been opened at Coombe.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT NEW MALDEN :—

*Estate Agents.*—W. G. SUDBURY & SONS, 5 and 7 Market Place.

*Dairyman.*—GERALD F. GUSH, Worcester Park Dairies, 3, Coombe Parade.

*Wine Merchant.*—J. W. CATER, 1, Market Place.

*See page* 231.

# Norbury, Surrey.

ALTHOUGH nominally part of Croydon, Norbury is growing so rapidly that it deserves separate mention. The main thoroughfare is a wide road, on which large modern and high-class shops have been, and are still being, erected. The demand for houses is great, and this has led to large estates being opened up and developed, and the houses already erected are of good appearance and moderate rentals. There are also some good self-contained flats fitted up with all modern conveniences.

The neighbourhood is healthy, the Croydon district having for the last sixteen years shown the lowest death-rate of large towns in the kingdom. A good service of trains accomplishes the journey of eight miles to town in a short time. Electric trams to Croydon and Purley run every few minutes, and omnibuses run to the City or connect with the trams at Streatham and thence to the Bridges.

There are tennis, cricket, and football clubs. Two golf links available; the Norbury Golf Club having a 9-hole course, and the North Surrey Golf Club an 18-hole course. Two good local theatres are within easy reach—the Grand Theatre at Croydon and the Brixton Theatre—both good houses, with a weekly change of programme provided by excellent companies.

There are many open spaces in the district, one of the most recently acquired within easy walking distance being Grange Wood. The wood has been left in its natural state, and the grounds adjacent to the house are kept in good order. Standing high as it does, extensive views can be obtained therefrom of the Surrey hills and surrounding country.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—London Bridge, Victoria, and Kensington by the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.

For further particulars of this district see the Croydon Handbook, No. 7, from the publishers of this volume.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| London Bridge ... | 1/4 | 1/1 | -/9 | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/2 |
| Victoria ... ... | 1/2 | 10d. | 7d. | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/- |

| SEASON-TICKET RATES :— | 1st | 2nd | |
|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge ... ... | £12 | £8 | per annum |
| Victoria ... ... ... | £10 | £7 10s. | „ „ |

RENTS.—To suit all classes, £35 to £100 per annum.

RATES.—7s. 8d. in the £ (including water). GAS, 2s. 8d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, sliding scale 7d. to 2d. per B.T. unit; flat rate, 5d. per B.T. unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and clay.

ALTITUDE.—About 200 ft.

DEATH RATE.—(Under Croydon.)

POPULATION.—(Under Croydon.)

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Norbury College, London Road; Principal, Mr. Smith. GIRLS: St. Hilda's College, London Road; Principal, Miss Agnes Robinson (see Croydon).

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Philip's Church and Wesleyan and other Nonconformist Churches.

RECREATIONS.—North Surrey Golf Club, Norbury; Secretary, W. Blackford (18 holes). Subscription, £4 4s.; entrance, £6 6s. A good sporting course with close turf and well-kept greens. Norbury Golf Club; Secretary, F. Holmes (9 holes). Subscription, £4 4s.; entrance, £2 2s. Fairly good, well-drained course with numerous natural and artificial hazards well placed.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT NORBURY :—

*Estate Agents*—CHESTERTON & SONS, London Road, and at Cheapside and Kensington.

*Builders*—GATHERCOLE BROS., London Road.

*Dairy*—THE ALLIANCE DAIRY CO., LTD., 10, Norbury Parade, and at Streatham.

*Saddler and Harness Maker*—EDWARD J. WOODWARD, 20 and 21, Station Parade.

*See page 232.*

# Orpington, Kent.

A LARGE village on the main line of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway, in the valley of the little river Cray. The station is nearly 300 ft. above the sea-level, and, having been recently very much enlarged, is now one of the finest in Kent. The train service is good, having been much improved, and gives direct and easy communication with London Bridge, Cannon Street, and Charing Cross, and also, by means of a loop line to the Chatham section, reaches St. Paul's, Ludgate Hill, and Holborn by way of Bromley and Herne Hill.

Excellent modern residences, at quite moderate rents, have been, and are being, erected on the Hill View Estate, close to the station, and the road to the village is now flanked by good houses standing in their own ample grounds.

The district is adequately drained, and supplied by the Kent Water Company with the purest water.

The village is well supplied with shops, and is linked with St. Mary and St. Paul's Cray, along the valley of the little river.

Rich in footpaths, the country round is a delight to the rambler, and the main- and by-roads over the northern slopes of the North Downs are proverbially good for wheelmen. The Downs rise at Chelsfield, to the south-east, to a height of 452 ft., and at Polhill, further south, a magnificent panorama over the valley of the Darent is to be enjoyed.

To the west are the commons of Hayes and Keston, and south of Farnborough is the village of Downe, for many years the home of Charles Darwin. Close by, at High Elms, Lord Avebury has made his home. To the north is the delightful district of Chislehurst, with its common and pine woods.

The district is stated to be eminently suited, as a place of residence, for persons who suffer from asthmatic and bronchial affections; and the fact that a very large proportion of the inhabitants attain a great age is pointed out as being a proof of the generally healthy conditions arising from the position, surroundings, and subsoil. A large quantity of fruit is grown for the London market, and hops are also cultivated to a considerable extent.*

* For full particulars of this district see the Homeland Handbook for Bromley, Chislehurst, and Beckenham, No. 22 of the series.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—South Eastern and Chatham main line in direct communication with all the City stations of that company.

FARES:—

| | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Charing Cross, Cannon Street and London Bridge, Victoria, Holborn, and St. Paul's. | 2/4 | 1/6 | 1/2½ | 4/- | 3/- | 2/5 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—

| 1st Class. | 2nd Class. |
|---|---|
| £20 | £16 |

Available at St. Mary Cray and Bromley North and South.

RENTS.—£30 to £150.

RATES.—About 6s. 4d. in the £. Gas, 3s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk.

ALTITUDE.—300 ft. and upwards.

DEATH RATE.—Low.

POPULATION.—4259 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 5 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS and GIRLS: Avonstone; Principal, Miss Elliott. Devonshire House School; Principals, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Anglesea House; Principals, Mr. and Mrs. Couch. GIRLS only: Crofton Grange; Principal, Mrs. Lyster. Many residents send their children to Tonbridge School and Dulwich Colleges.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—All Saints' (Parish) Church, St. Andrew's, and St. Paul's, Crofton; Baptist Church and Temple Congregational Church.

RECREATIONS.—Golf (see Chislehurst and Bromley sections), Cricket, Football, Tennis, and Hockey Clubs. West Kent Foxhounds meet in the district. Cycling roads good.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT ORPINGTON:—

*Estate Agents*—AUSTINS, Hill View, Orpington; Principal, E. J. Bean.

*Builder and Contractor*—W. R. TAYLOR, Anglesea Road, St. Mary's Cray.

*Monumental Mason*—H. S. HUTCHINGS, Ross House, St. Mary Cray.

*See page* 233.

# Oxted and Limpsfield, Surrey.

TWO of the most picturesque villages in Surrey, Oxted and Limpsfield, lie snugly ensconced on the southern slope of the Surrey Hills, the villages being some 300 ft. above the sea. Limpsfield Common, rising to an altitude of 600 ft., is studded with many charming houses standing in large grounds.

Midway between the villages is the modern settlement of New Oxted, brought into being by the advent of the railway, and serving to a large extent as a market for the district, the population of which is 2100.

Twenty miles from London and immediately under the ridge of the North Downs, the chalk face of which rises commandingly above them, the villages stand on the sandy stretch of country bordering the Weald. The character of the soil, the height above sea level, the invigorating yet equable nature of the climate and freedom from fogs, render their surroundings most healthful, and the views over the valley from both sides are as extensive as any in the county.

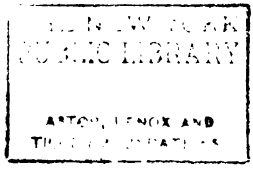
The highest point of the North Downs overlooking the eastern end of the Holmesdale Valley is known by the quite common name of Cold Harbour. The appearance of this name on the map is the sure sign of the proximity of an ancient British or Roman road, and in this instance, perhaps, indicates the presence of the Pilgrims' Way, an ancient trackway used by the Pilgrims to the shrine of St. Thomas at Canterbury.

Abounding in historical and archæological interest, there is, perhaps, no district within the same easy distance of London affording more diversity of scene. The beautiful heaths, the famous charts or wooded commons, and the generally delightful surroundings will prove most attractive to any one seeking a country residence within easy reach of town.

Amongst the surrounding places of interest may be mentioned Godstone, Tandridge, Crowhurst, Edenbridge, Westerham, Tatsfield, Titsey, Caterham, and Woldingham. The roads are good, and cyclist, motorist, or pedestrian will find ample scope for the exercise of his particular mode of progression, and under the most favourable conditions.

For full particulars of this district, see the Homeland Handbook for Oxted and Limpsfield, No. 36 of the series.

*Photograph*] **A Rural Scene at Oxted.** [C. L. KING.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RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Oxted station is served by the London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South Eastern and Chatham Railway Companies from London Bridge, Victoria, and Charing Cross.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| L. B. & S. C. B. ... | 3/4 | 2/4 | 1/8 | 5/10 | 4/- | 3/- |
| S. E. & C. R. (*via* Croydon)... ... | 3/4 | 2/4 | 1/8 | 5/10 | 4/- | 2/10 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—1st class, £25 per annum; 2nd class, £20 per annum. Joint tickets available by both companies' trains—1st class, £28 10s.; 2nd class, £22 15s.

RATES.—4s. 6d. to 5s. in the £. GAS, 4s. 3d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Sandstone and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—300 to 600 ft. above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—Exceptionally low.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

POPULATION.—2098 (1901).

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Hazelwood, Limpsfield; Principal, Mr. E. P. Bailey. GIRLS: The Manor House, Limpsfield; Principal, Miss Lyons.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's Church, New Oxted, Rev. E. Stopford Ram; St. Peter's Church, Limpsfield, Rev. E. M. Blackie; Congregational Church, New Oxted, Rev. Joseph Halsey.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.—Limpsfield Chart Golf Club, Limpsfield Common, 9 holes; Secretary, Rev. F. W. Parsons. The Links are considered one of the most sporting courses round London. The meets of three packs of hounds are easily accessible. Racing at Lingfield, Gatwick, and Epsom. Cricket, football, lawn tennis, and hockey clubs.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES:—

*Estate Agents*—HAMPTON & SONS, Oxted Station; London Office, Cockspur Street.

*Baker*—G. CARPENTER, High Street, Oxted.

*Laundry*—G. B. BLACKMAN, Oxted Sanitary Laundry, Hurst Green.

*Builder*—F. J. WEBB, Godstone.

*See page* 234.

# Penge, Kent.

THE visitor to the urban district of Penge, which includes Anerley and part of the postal district of Upper Norwood, will to-day scarcely realise that but half a century ago it was a rural hamlet renowned for its woods and fine trees, and that people came to the locality to live in the country. In those days the old Croydon Canal, which connected Deptford and Croydon, was an attraction. Upon its banks were situated the Anerley Gardens, the goal of many aquatic excursions from the neighbourhood of Bermondsey. Now it has almost disappeared, just a few dozen yards of it being visible from the Anerley Road. Penge was constituted a local self-governing district under an Urban District Council in November 1900.

Latterly large estates have been cut up to meet the growing demands of the population, and a smaller class of residence has taken the place of some of the mansions of fifty years ago, many of the latter having been converted into flats. There are many excellent business houses. The fact that the Crystal Palace is partly situated in Penge, together with the many facilities for reaching town, have helped to make the district popular. Services of omnibuses, soon to be replaced by electric cars, run to Norwood Junction, Beckenham and Catford, Lewisham, and Hither Green, and link up the surrounding districts. A few miles out and the resident is soon in the midst of beautiful open country, on the gorse and heather-clad commons of Hayes, Keston, Bromley, or Chislehurst, or amongst the pine woods of the Shirley and Addington hills.

Two remnants of old Penge still exist: the Royal Asylum for Watermen and Lightermen who have worked on the Thames, attached to which institution is a small museum of marine and other curiosities; and the Naval Asylum, built as a memorial to King William IV. and endowed by Queen Adelaide for the widows of twelve naval officers. It consists of cottages built on three sides of a square, enclosing a garden space prettily laid out.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION. — There are four stations within the district. That of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway communicates with Victoria, Holborn, and St. Paul's; and the Penge, Anerley, and Crystal Palace

Stations of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway with London Bridge, Victoria, Liverpool Street, and Croydon.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| L. B. & S. C. Ry., London Bridge | 1/- | 10d. | 7d. | 1/8 | 1/3 | 1/- |
| Victoria and Kensington ... | 1/4 | 1/1 | 9d. | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/2 |
| Liverpool Street... ... ... | 1/3 | 11d. | 7d. | 1/10 | 1/3 | 1/- |
| L. C. & D. R. termini ... ... | 1/- | 9d. | 6d. | 1/6 | 1/- | 10d. |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway termini: 1st Class, £12; 2nd Class, £8 per annum. London, Chatham, and Dover Railway termini: 1st Class, £11; 2nd Class, £7 10s. per annum.

RENTS.—£25 to £80 per annum. There are one or two estates, now being developed, with houses at from £32 to £38 per annum, some having gardens over 200 ft. deep.

RATES.—5s. 10d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 5d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 4½d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Clay, and in some parts gravel.

ALTITUDE.—About 160 ft.

DEATH RATE.—13·4.

POPULATION.—22,468 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Anerley College; Principal, W. Edgar Wood, B.A., LL.B. **Kent House College**; Principal, C. H. Rollison. GIRLS: Modern High School; Principals, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. R. Hoare. Anerley High School; Principals, the Misses Townsend and Martin.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. John the Evangelist (Parish), St. Paul's, Christ Church, Holy Trinity; Roman Catholic and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, tennis, football, and cycling clubs. Rinking, boating, fishing, and polo at the Crystal Palace. Beckenham Golf Club, Woodside; 18 holes. Secretary, James Baker. Subscription, Gentlemen, £5 5s.; Ladies, £2 2s. Entrance fee, £5 5s. Ladies' Golf Club, Shortlands.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSE AT PENGE :—

*Estate Agents*—MORTIMER & BURNELL, 13, Beckenham Road (outside London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Station).

*See page* 254.

# Purley, Surrey.

TWELVE miles and a half south of London, and in direct communication with the borough of Croydon by means of a most efficient service of electric trams, the district of Purley, with its surroundings, has during the last few years assumed an important position as a residential locality.

Situated on high ground in the vicinity of a good market, and with direct and frequent trains to London by two prominent railway systems, the locality has been taken up by builders of the better class of house property. Numerous attractive and well-fitted houses have been and are being erected, both on the main Brighton road, which passes through the district, and on the various estates which are being opened up east and west of the line.

It may be said that the improved railway communication and the tramway service to Croydon have been the primary cause of the popularity which Purley has attained. The new and handsome railway station which has replaced the shanty formerly known as Caterham Junction, provides ample facilities for dealing with increasing traffic caused by the extension of the local system of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway.

With the increase of population local shops are being erected to meet the immediate requirements of the residents. Delightful walks abound—Banstead Downs being within easy reach and commanding a fine and extensive view over the surrounding country. Chipstead, Coulsdon, Warlingham, Croham Hurst, Shirley, and Addington will all repay a visit. Riddlesdown, about 1000 acres, cannot be built on.

The road to Lewes *viâ* Godstone and East Grinstead leaves the Brighton Road at the Railway Station and passes up the Caterham Valley just beyond the town of that name, and over the North Downs. On the hill to the west of the main road stand the Commercial Travellers' Schools.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Purley is served by both the London Brighton and South Coast Railway and the

For full particulars of the surrounding district, see "Croydon, New and Old," Homeland Handbook No. 7.

South Eastern and Chatham Railway, and has a large choice of trains to town during the day.

| Fares:— | Single. | | | Return. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| London Bridge, Victoria, Cannon St., or Charing Cross | 2/1 | 1/6 | 1/1 | 3/6 | 2/6 | 1/9 |
| From Purley Oaks | 1/10 | 1/5 | 1/1 | 3/2 | 2/3 | 1/7 |

| Season-Ticket Rates:— | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. |
|---|---|---|
| Victoria and London Bridge (L. B. & S. C. R.) ... ... | £17 | £11 per annum. |
| Charing Cross, Cannon St., London Bridge, and Waterloo | £17 | £11 „ „ |
| Joint ticket ... ... ... | £22 | £15 „ „ |

Rents.—£33 per annum to £130 per annum.

Rates.—Coulsdon, 5s. 3½d. in the £; Beddington, 5s. 11½d. the £; Croydon, 7s. 8d. in the £.

Subsoil.—Chalk.

Altitude.—240 to 500 feet.

Death Rate.—Very low.

Population.—1660 (1901).

Early Closing Day.—Wednesday

Schools.—Boys: Falconbury School; Principal, G. M. Faulkner, M.A. (Preparatory School for the Navy and Public Schools) (and see Croydon). Girls: Olden Lodge, Foxley Hill Road. Principals, the Misses Gawdery and Satow.

Places of Worship.—Christ Church; Congregational Church; St. Mark's, Peaks Hill, Purley.

Recreations.—Purley Downs Golf Club: Secretary, A. W. Murray. An 18-hole course. Walton Heath Golf Club: Secretary, W. H. Fowler; 18 holes; Tadworth Station.

Useful Business Houses in Purley:—

*Estate Agents*—Slade & Church, Purley Station.

*Butcher*—George Hyde, Aberdeen House.

*Coal Merchants*—Whalley & Pacy, Station Approach.

*Furnishing Ironmongers* — Surrey Ironmongery Co., Brighton Road.

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# Putney, Surrey.

PUTNEY still retains very many signs of the time when, but a village, it was entirely isolated from London, and the journey to it over Parson's Green or by Wandsworth was considered a dangerous expedition, on account of the presence of highwaymen and footpads.

Recorded in "Domesday Book" as Puttenhie, it was in the Middle Ages, and, indeed, up to the latter half of the eighteenth century, famous for its salmon fisheries; and there are optimistic people to-day who believe that such may again be the case.

Putney was the birthplace of some eminent characters in English history, amongst whom may be mentioned Thomas Cromwell, Earl of Essex, whose father is stated to have been a blacksmith. His chivalrous defence of Wolsey in Parliament won him the good opinion of Henry, who rapidly raised him in favour. His downfall, following that of Anne of Cleves, was still more rapid, his execution taking place in 1540.

Favoured by many open spaces and exceptional facilities for outdoor sports in its immediate vicinity, and having the reputation of being particularly healthy, Putney has of late years become increasingly popular as a residential locality. The Thames with the numerous Rowing Clubs, Hurlingham with its Polo ground, and the proximity of Putney Heath, Wimbledon Common, Barnes Common, and the grounds of many old and large houses on the high grounds to the south afford plenty of breathing space.

Putney has been the starting place for many years of the University Boat Race, and, with that of Epsom, its name is known in connection with sport to the great majority of the English-speaking world.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Putney is served by the Richmond and Windsor branch of the London and South-Western Railway, and is reached from Waterloo by a good service of trains in less than a quarter of an hour.

Putney Bridge Station and East Putney are served by the Metropolitan and District Railway, on which lines through trains run from Southend, Essex, and New Cross *via* the east London line. It is expected that the Electric system of traction now shortly to be adopted will greatly improve these services.

The FARES from Waterloo are as follows:—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | ... 9d. | 7d. | 5d. |
| RETURN ... | ... 1s. | 10d. | 8d. |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—1st class, £10 10s. ; 2nd class, £7 17s. 6d. per annum ; 3rd class, £1 11s. 6d. quarterly.

RENTS.—£28 to £600 per annum.

RATES.—7s. 2d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 2d. per 1000 cubic feet, ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. per B.T. unit under a sliding scale, or, at the option of the consumer, a flat rate of 6d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel.

ALTITUDE.—Rising to 175 ft. above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—11·91 per 1000 (1904).

POPULATION.—Nearly 25,000.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 5 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Wilmington House, Upper Richmond Road ; Principal, Miss Hales. Hurst Lodge, Upper Richmond Road ; Principal, Mr. G. P. Moyles. GIRLS : Public Day School, Ltd., 18, Carlton Road ; Principal, Miss Major. The South-West London College, Putney ; Principals, Miss Redpath and Miss Sandell. Mecklenburgh House, Putney Hill; Principal, Miss Spragg. Convent of the Sacred Heart (Roman Catholic), Roehampton.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's Parish Church ; St. John the Evangelist; All Saints ; Holy Trinity ; St. Joseph, Roehampton Lane ; St. Thomas of Canterbury ; Our Lady of Compassion (Roman Catholic) ; Emmanuel Free Church, Upper Richmond Road ; Presbyterian Church, Upper Richmond Road ; Baptist Chapel, Werter Road ; Congregational Union Church, Ravenna Road and Oxford Road ; Primitive Methodist Church, Wesleyan Methodist Church.

RECREATIONS.—POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CLUB : The Putney Constitutional Club, Winchester House, Lower Richmond Road. ROWING CLUBS : The Thames, the London, the Leander, and the Vesta. SAILING CLUB : The Ranelagh. POLO CLUBS, ETC. : Hurlingham, Ranelagh, and Roehampton. GOLF CLUBS : Royal Wimbledon, on Wimbledon Common (18 holes) ; Secretary, W. J. Hughes. Subscription, gentlemen, £3 3s. ; ladies, £1 1s. ; entrance fee, gentlemen, £10 10s. ; ladies, £5 5s. London Scottish, with joint use of Wimbledon Common ; Secretary, J. Duncan. The Wimbledon Park Golf Club ; Secretary, E. O. Pope. Subscription, £5 5s. ; entrance fee, £4 4s : 18 holes.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES :—

*Estate Agents*—A. W. TAYLOR AND CO., 159, High Street, Putney.

*House Furnisher and Removals*—JOHN PERRING, High Street, Putney.

*Laundry*—The Cathkin Laundry, Ltd., Putney Bridge Road.

*Builders and Decorators*—T. H. Adamson & Sons, 129, High Street.

*See page* 236.

# Reading, Berks.

THE most important town in Berkshire, on the banks of the Thames, thirty-six miles from Paddington. The river Kennet enters the Thames here. The town is well built, having wide thoroughfares and excellent shops, and is governed by a Corporation. There is a good system of main drainage, and an excellent supply of pure water. There are many attractive houses. The chief industries are biscuit-making and seed-growing. The district is chiefly agricultural, and there is a corn exchange and a market-place. There are also iron foundries, breweries, and engine works, and the various trades employ a large number of skilled workmen. Plenty of good schools are to be found in the neighbourhood. Reading is a place of great antiquity, and is the scene of many historical events. The ruins of the Benedictine Abbey, built by Henry I. in 1121 and ravaged by Cromwell, now consist of but a few ruined arches and some ancient walls. Owing chiefly to the railway facilities (there are three lines which serve the town), besides being a residential district it is a very popular centre for the tourist and excursionist, who are attracted by the river.

Sonning, with its islands and osier beds and peaceful village, is three miles distant; and Henley, the "Mecca of the boating man," nine and a half miles. In the opposite direction, Pangbourne, charmingly situated on a lovely reach five and a half miles up stream, is a favourite angling resort, and is interesting on account of its antiquity. Mapledurham, midway between Pangbourne and Reading, is also a favourite spot with fishermen. Caversham is a suburb of Reading, with which it is connected by an iron bridge. The town is served by electric trams. Reading Amateur Regatta takes place at the beginning of August.

There is a most flourishing University College, affiliated to Christ Church, Oxford, with over 900 students, male and female, taking a very wide course of modern study in science, art, agriculture, and horticulture. The British Dairy Institute forms part of the organisation. Principal, Mr. W. M. Childs, M.A.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Reading is situated on the Great Western main line (the journey to Paddington about 45 minutes), and it is also served by the London and South

Western Railway and the South Eastern Railway, these two stations being under the same roof. It is the terminus of the Staines branch of the London and South Western Railway and of the Reigate branch of the South Eastern Railway.

| Fares :— | Single. | | | Return. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G.W.R., S.E. & C.R., and L. & S.W. Ry. terminus | 1st 6/- | 2nd 3/9 | 3rd 3/- | 1st 10/6 | 2nd 6/6 | 3rd 6/- |

Season-Ticket Rates :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.W. Ry. ... ... | £36 | £27 | £20 4s. |

L. & S.W. Ry. and S.E. & C. Ry., same rates, but no third class.

Rents.—From £30 to £300 per annum.

Rates.—7s. 11d. in the £. Gas, 2s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet. Electric Light, 6d. per B.T. unit.

Subsoil.—Gravel, and clay in parts.

Altitude.—145 ft. to 225 ft.

Death Rate.—13·89.

Population.—72,214 (1901).

Early Closing Day.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Schools.—Boys: Reading School; Principal, Rev. W. C. Eppstein, M.A. Kendrick School; Principal, Rev. E. Priestley, B.A. Leighton Park School; Principal, Mr. T. Ridges. Marlborough House School; Principal, Mr. E. M. Fletcher. Girls: High School; Principal, Miss H. E. Musson. Kendrick School; Principal, Miss Rundall. Malvern House School; Principal, Miss Lacey. Summerbrook; Principal, Miss Hamley. Wilton House; Principal, Miss Marion White.

Places of Worship.—All Saints, Christ Church, Grey Friars, St. Giles, St. John's, St. Lawrence, St. Mary's, and several others; also Roman Catholic and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

Recreations.—Annual regatta, Royal County Theatre; boating, angling; cricket and football grounds. Reading Golf Club; 9 holes; Secretary, S. G. Collier.

Useful Business Houses at Reading :—

*Estate Agents*—Egginton & Son, 150, Friar Street.

*Furniture and Carpets*—Heelas Ld., Reading.

*Furniture Removals*—Heelas Ld., Reading.

*Provision Merchants*—Gregory, Love & Co., Ld., 175, Friar Street.

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# Reigate and Redhill, Surrey.

IN the middle of the Holmesdale Valley. Two towns two miles apart, Reigate and Redhill are situated at the foot of the chalk ridge of the North Downs. Redhill, which has grown up within the last sixty years round the railway junction of that name, is naturally the business centre, while Reigate, with its old associations, is surrounded by a large and extending residential district.

The towns are situated on the sandy belt which lies between the chalk Downs and the clay of the Weald, and are surrounded by some of the most beautiful country in Surrey. The views, both from the top of Reigate Hill and from the summit of Redhill Common, are most extensive, covering the whole of the Weald of Surrey and Sussex to the South Downs and beyond to the sea.

The Old Brighton Road runs through the older town, but the major part of the traffic now passes through Redhill.

Reigate Castle, one of the chain of strongholds built by the Norman Conquerors to keep in check the remnant of the English who had taken shelter in the Wealden Forest, is now no longer in existence ; its site, mined with a wonderful series of underground chambers cut in the beautiful soft sandrock, is now a public garden.

The neighbourhood abounds in open spaces, and contains many large mansions, amongst which may be mentioned Gatton Hall and Reigate Priory.

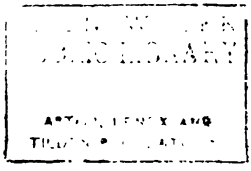
The Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene is the burial place of Charles Lord Howard of Effingham, of Armada fame.

The surrounding country offers every opportunity to the rambler—hills, heath, valley and wood and picturesque village afford an endless change of interest.*

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Redhill Junction on the London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South-Eastern and Chatham Railways is reached from London Bridge and Victoria, and Charing Cross, Cannon Street and London Bridge respectively, the latter service extending to Reigate on the Reading branch of the line.

* Full particulars of the town and district will be found in the official Homeland Handbook "Reigate and Redhill, with their Surroundings," from the local booksellers or the publishers of this volume, price 6d., by post 8d.

*Photograph*] **Redhill Common, looking towards the North Downs.** [FLINT.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FARES :—

| REDHILL : | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 3/2 | 2/3 | 1/8 |
| RETURN ... ... | 5/6 | 3/11 | 2/9 |
| REIGATE : | | | |
| SINGLE ... ... | 3/6 | 2/4 | 1/10 |
| RETURN ... ... | 6/- | 4/- | 2/9 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—Redhill Junction—1st class, £25 ; 2nd class, £20. Joint ticket, *via* L. B. & S. C. and S. E. & C. Railways—1st class, £28 10s. ; 2nd class, £22 15s. Reigate, S. E. & C. Railway—1st class, £25 ; 2nd class, £20.

Omnibuses run between Redhill and Reigate at frequent intervals.

RENTS.—Vary from £30 to £300. Excellent sites for the erection of residences are available at from £5 per ft. frontage.

RATES.—Exceptionally low, only 4s. 6d. in the £. PRICE OF GAS, 3s. 4d. per 1000 cubic ft. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. per Board of Trade unit, with a reduction to large consumers.

SUBSOIL.—Sand, loam, and clay. Varies considerably.

ALTITUDE.—From 250 to 700 ft.

DEATH RATE.—Under 12 per 1,000.

DISTANCE FROM LONDON.—Redhill, 20¾ miles; Reigate 22 miles.

POPULATION.—25,993 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

SPORTS AND RECREATIONS.—The Surrey Staghounds and the Burstow Foxhounds meet in this district. Earlswood Golf Links are some of the finest in this part of England. First-class cricket, tennis, and football clubs ; whilst at Redhill there is a well-appointed sports ground of nine acres in extent, which has been the venue of some first-class meetings.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—REIGATE : Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, St. Mark's Church, St. Luke's Church (South Park), Nutley Lane Church, Congregational, Wesleyan, Primitive Methodist. REDHILL : St. John's Church, St. Matthew's Church, Congregational, Baptist, Presbyterian, Wesleyan, Primitive Methodist, Roman Catholic, Plymouth Brethren.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Reigate Grammar School ; Robert S. Ragg, B.A. (Head Master). GIRLS : High School for Girls (Church Schools Company), Somers Road.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT REIGATE AND REDHILL :—

*Electrical Engineers*—TAMPLIN & MAKOVSKI, LTD., Brighton Road, Redhill.

*Glass, Pianos, etc.*—PHILLIPS' STORES, 1 and 3, Brighton Road, Redhill.

*Bookseller and Stationer*—C. ALLINGHAM, Market Place, Reigate.

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# Richmond, Surrey.

THE ancient borough of Richmond, with its world-renowned view from the Terrace, its famous park, and above all its magnificent stretch of river, lies in a south-westerly direction from London.

The town is particularly fortunate in its railway service, the eight miles which divide it from the Metropolis being traversed by trains of no fewer than six Railway Companies. Waterloo can be reached in twenty minutes; while on Sundays omnibuses run to and from London. There is also a service of electric trams from Richmond Bridge to Hampton Court and Hammersmith; horse trams from Richmond to Kew, and an excellent service of omnibuses from Surbiton through Richmond to Ealing.

Convenient as it is for the City and West End shops, Richmond possesses many large business establishments which will render a journey to town unnecessary.

In the past kings made Richmond their home, and until quite recently royalty have resided in the neighbourhood. Henry VII. built a Palace here, a portion of which, facing Richmond Green, still remains. Among the other places of historic interest in the town, mention should be made of the "Star and Garter," once an old-fashioned inn frequented by the fashionable Londoner, but pulled down more than a century ago. The present hotel replaced the house destroyed by fire in 1870.

Ham House, an early Jacobean mansion, was the meeting place of the "Cabal," and its history is well worth studying.

White Lodge, in Richmond Park, has been the home of many Royal personages, commencing with Queen Caroline, for whom it was built by George II. in 1728.

There are two athletic grounds, on which many famous football matches are played, two golf clubs, and lastly the River Thames. The facilities for boating are many. The new lock adds materially to the pleasure of the river. It was opened in 1894 by the present Prince of Wales, and is surmounted by a handsome footbridge; it is a half-tidal weir and lock, and therefore Richmond is still upon the tideway.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Richmond is served by the London and South Western Railway, the North London Railway, and the District Railway. The City Stations are (L. & S. W. R.) Waterloo, (N. L. R,) Broad Street, (D. R.) Mansion House. There are only two stations in the borough, adjoining each other.

| FARES TO WATERLOO :— | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 1/3 | 1/- | 9d. |
| RETURN ... ... | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/3 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES TO WATERLOO :—1st class, £16 per annum; 2nd class, £12 per annum; 3rd class, £2 8s. per quarter.

RENTS.—Houses of every kind can be obtained at rentals from £26 to £400.

RATES.—6s. 1d. in the £. WATER RATE, 8d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—In the lower part of the town, gravel and sand; upper part, clay and mixed soils.

ALTITUDE.—Richmond Hill 100 ft. above the sea level.

DEATH RATE.—13 per 1000.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

POPULATION.—32,000 (Est.).

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: County School; Principal, A. E. Buckhurst, M.A. Burlington House School; Principal, A. B. Row, M.A. Richmond Hill School; Principal, F. J. Whitbread, A.C.P., The Vineyard, Richmond. GIRLS: Ellerker College, Hill Rise, Richmond; Principal, Mrs. Yarrow. The Ferns, Onslow Road, Richmond Hill; Principal, Miss D. Bailey. Elm Lodge, Petersham; Miss Holland.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, St. Matthias', St. John's, St. Luke's, Holy Trinity, Christ Church, Kew Church, Petersham Church, Wesleyan, Baptist, Congregational, Primitive Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Boating is, of necessity, the premier recreation connected with the town. Golf Clubs: Mid-Surrey Golf Club (18 holes), Old Deer Park, Richmond; Secretary, J. C. Montgomerie, C.A. Subscription—£5 5s.; ladies, £2 2s. Entrance—£10 10s.; ladies, £2 2s. A splendid sporting course, well-kept greens, sand and gravel soil, good for wet weather play, turf short and crisp. Hazards—trees, ponds, shrubs, and well-arranged sand bunkers. Richmond Golf Club. Sudbrook Park, Petersham (18 holes); Secretary, Robert Pierce.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT RICHMOND :—

*Estate Agents*—CHANCELLOR & SONS, 1, King Street, and at Railway Station.

*Dairy*—J. CLARKE & SONS, 46, Hill Rise.

*House Furnisher and Removals*—JOHN PERRING, 71, Kew Road, Richmond.

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# Sanderstead, Surrey.

A SMALL and delightfully pretty village situated on the side of the Surrey Hills about three miles from, and within the southern division of, the borough of Croydon. The district retains all the advantages of a really rural parish, while it has the benefit of the excellent market and educational facilities afforded by the proximity of the town. In a high but sheltered position on a chalk soil, it is growing rapidly, especially between the village and the railway station, where property of a good class and at moderate rental is being erected.

The old village, with the parish church, is more than a mile from the station. The church, with its tall roof and low shingled spire, is principally Perpendicular in style, is very picturesquely situated, and the churchyard contains some fine old yew trees.

The surrounding country is very beautiful. The walks, drives, and cycle rides are almost unending in variety; while to the golfer the Links immediately at his door will offer an unfailing attraction. The course, which has recently been replanned, is of 18 holes, and offers opportunity for some of the best sporting golf in the London district.

The station, served by the London, Brighton, and South Coast and South Eastern and Chatham Railway Companies, is on the Oxted line, and a good service of trains is available, while the main line trains from East Croydon are within reach by making use of the excellent tram service of the Croydon Corporation, running along the Brighton Road at a short distance from the station.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Served by the joint lines of the London Brighton, and South Coast and the South Eastern Railway Companies. Service of electric trams to Croydon every few minutes.

For full particulars of the district see Homeland Handbook for Croydon, No. 7 of the series.

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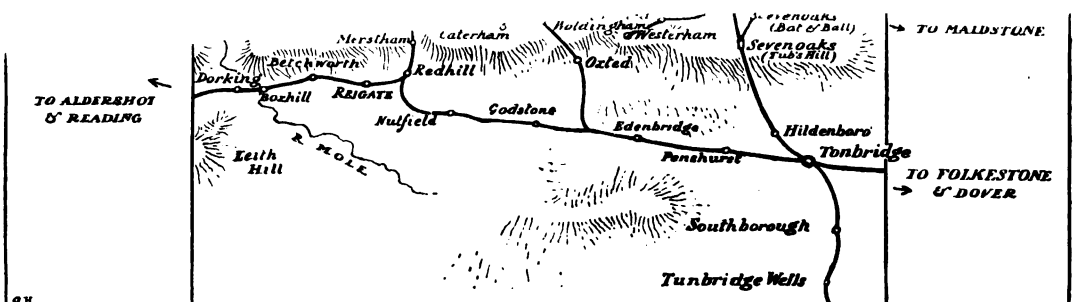


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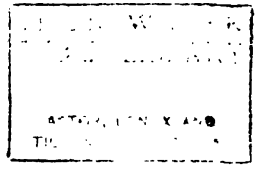

| Fares :— | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Single ... | 2/1 | 1/6 | 1/- |
| Return ... | 3/6 | 2/6 | 1/9 |

Season-Ticket Rates :—1st Class, £18; 2nd Class, £12. Joint tickets available by either line: 1st Class, £22; 2nd Class, £15 10s.

Rents.—From £35.

Rates.—About 5s. in the £.

Price of Gas.—2s. 8d. per 1000 cubic feet. Electric Light will probably be installed very shortly.

Subsoil.—Principally chalk.

Altitude.—Average about 400 ft. rising to 560 ft.

Death Rate.—Under Croydon, 11·8 per 1000.

Distance from London.—About twelve miles.

Sports and Recreations.—Purley Down Golf Club: Secretary, A. W. Murray; 18 holes. Ladies' Club.

Places of Worship.—The Parish Church, Emmanuel Church, South Croydon, and Churches of all denominations in Croydon town.

Schools.—Boys: Whitgift Grammar School, Croydon; Principal, S. O. Andrew, M.A. Elmhurst School; Principal, C. Hardie Scott, St. Peter's Road, Croydon. Girls: High Schools, Wellesley Road, Croydon; Principal, Miss Leahy. See also Croydon.

Useful Business Houses :—

*Estate Agents*—Bowditch & Grant, Railway Approach, Sanderstead.

*Family Grocer and Post Office*—Alfred Lye, Supply Stores, Sanderstead.

*Butcher*—William Ralph, 335, Brighton Road, South Croydon.

*Dyer and Cleaner*—G. Waterman, 24, South End, Croydon.

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# Sevenoaks, Kent.

ABOUT twenty-two miles from the City, and slightly further from Victoria *viâ* Swanley and Herne Hill Junctions, Sevenoaks occupies an elevated and pleasant position on the high road from Bromley to Tonbridge. It is a favoured spot in one of the nicest districts of Kent, and in some parts has an altitude of 700 feet above sea level, on the wide ridge of the lower Greensand which forms the subsoil of the borders of the Weald.

The character of this soil and the altitude combine to render the views very attractive, the country being hilly and remarkably well wooded.

Sevenoaks is a market town, the market day being the third Wednesday in the month.

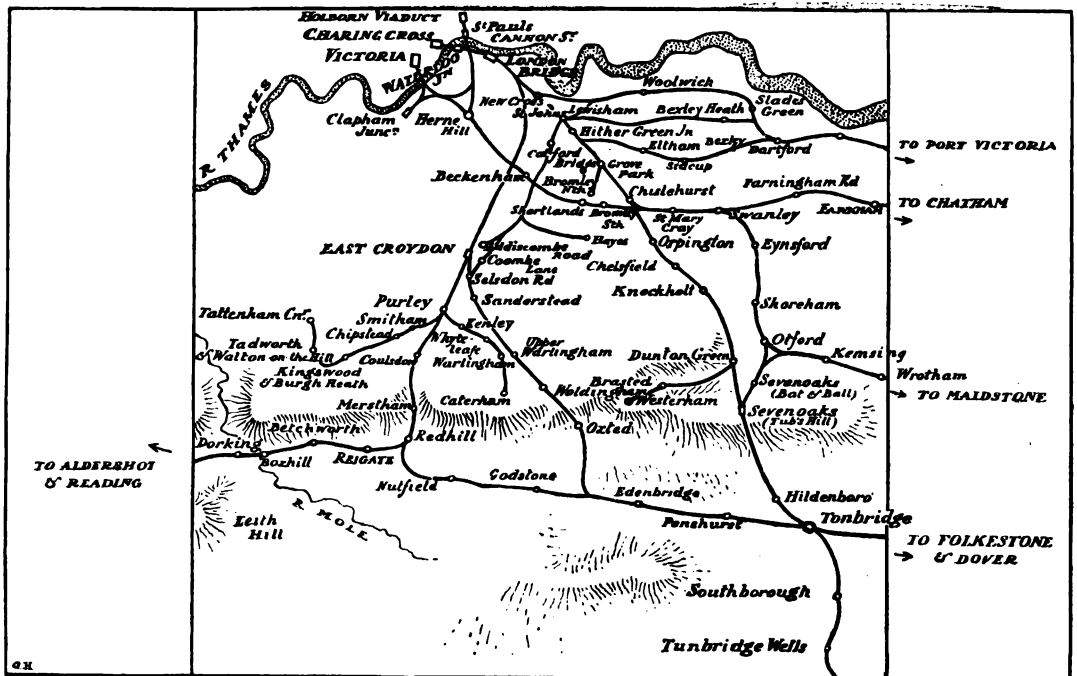
The climate and subsoil conditions result in a dry and singularly bracing atmosphere, and the immediate neighbourhood of the town boasts a considerable number of good-class residences: as a result perhaps, the low-rented modern villa is at present not easily found.

Among the fine seats are Knole, The Wildernesse Park, Montreal, Beechmont, and Kippington; further afield Penshurst Place, Hever Castle, Chiddingstone, Chevening Park, Shoreham Place, and other historical localities are of easy access. The roads are remarkably good, especially those running direct east and west, and the surrounding towns and villages offer much that is of antiquarian interest.

Ightham Mote, too little known by many who could appreciate it, and counted a gem of fourteenth century domestic architecture, is about five miles distant from Sevenoaks.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Sevenoaks is served by both sections of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Joint Committee.

From Tubs Hill station a good service of trains runs to London Bridge, Cannon Street, and Charing Cross (23 miles) and from Bat and Ball station the Chatham section communicates with Victoria, Holborn, and St. Pauls, *viâ* Swanley and Herne Hill Junctions (25¾ miles).

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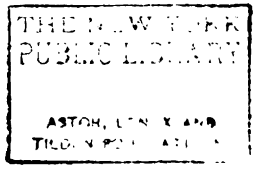
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The best trains by the former route cover the distance to Cannon Street in 40 minutes. The FARES by either route are as follows :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 3/10 | 2/5 | 1/11 |
| RETURN ... | 6/8 | 4/10 | 3/10 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—1st Class, £25 ; 2nd Class, £20. Available by both routes.

RATES.—About 6s. 6d. in the £.

GAS.—3s. 8d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and Ragstone.

ALTITUDE.—450 to 700 ft. above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—10·6 per 1000.

POPULATION.—8,600 (est.).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 1 o'clock.

SPORTS AND RECREATIONS.—Wildernesse Golf Club (Private Club), 2½ miles, 18 holes. Secretary, F. S. Lovett, Westfield, Sevenoaks. Mid Kent and Surrey Staghounds, West Kent and Surrey Foxhounds, Cricket and Tennis Clubs.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Sevenoaks School; Principal, G. Heslop, M.A. Preparatory School, The Beacon ; Principal, S. G. W. Stephenson, M.A. The New Beacon ; Principal, J. S. Norman, M.A. Beechmont School ; Principal, Rev. C. W. L. Bode. St. Aldates ; Principal, W. H. Counsell, M.A. Avenue House. GIRLS: Bradbourne College ; Principals, The Misses Lovett. Ladies' School, Eardley Road ; Principal, The Misses De Ville. St. Bega, Dartford Road ; Principal, Miss York. Granville Road (Preparatory) ; Principals, The Misses Webb.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Parish Church of St. Nicholas ; St. John's Church ; St. Mary's Church and St. Luke's, Kippington ; Wesleyan, Baptist, Congregational, Unitarian, and Roman Catholic Churches.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT SEVENOAKS :—

*Estate Agents*—CRONK, Tubs Hill Station, and High Street, and at 12, Pall Mall.

*Provision Merchants*—SAGE & PAYNE, 61, High Street.

*Dairy*—PALMER & SONS, Bradbourne Farm Dairy, 1, London Road.

*Motor Engineers*—G. HUMPHREY & Co., 116, High Street.

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# Sidcup, Kent.

SITUATED in the midst of the "Crays," on the main road between London and Maidstone, and on the Dartford Loop of the South Eastern Railway, Sidcup has much increased in size and popularity during recent years. Though only eleven miles from the metropolis, it is in the midst of rural surroundings, providing pleasant walks, drives, rides, and excursions. The High Street, which is reached by a charming tree-lined road from the station, has a large number of good shops, and forms part of the road from Eltham to Foots Cray and Farningham. The town is under the municipal government of the Foots Cray Urban District Council. There are many modern and artistic houses in the district, well built and comfortable, the rents of which are reasonable. There are many facilities for sport and recreation, and there are also good schools for both boys and girls.

Chislehurst, only two miles distant, possesses one of the most beautiful commons in Kent. At an elevation of some 300 ft. above sea-level, a magnificent and extensive view over the surrounding country is obtained. The church, with its tapering spire, is a picturesque landmark for the district. Close by are the remains of the ancient cockpit, a relic of a bygone age, when such sports were indulged in. The villages, watered by the Cray from which they take their names, are all easily accessible, and are situated in a picturesque valley. The roads around are excellent for cycling and motoring, and, having a good subsoil, are quickly dry after rain.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Reached from Charing Cross, Cannon Street, or London Bridge, on the Dartford Loop Line of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Charing Cross ... | 1/10 | 1/3 | -/11 | 3/6 | 2/6 | 1/10 |
| Cannon Street ... | 1/10 | 1/2 | -/10 | 3/1 | 2/4 | 1/8 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—South-Eastern Railway Termini: 1st Class, £18; 2nd Class, £13 15s. per annum. Third Class, £2 7s. 6d. quarterly. These tickets are available at Blackheath and Grove Park.

RENTS.—£28 to £200 per annum.

RATES.—5s. in the £. GAS, 3s. 6d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT about to be installed.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel, sand, loam, and clay.

ALTITUDE.—130 ft. to 230 ft.

DEATH RATE.—8·8 per 1000 (about half the average rate for England).

POPULATION.—8143 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: **Sidcup College**; Principals, Messrs. S. Farnfield, F.G.S., A. S. Farnfield, B.A., A. J. Farnfield, B.A. **Marlborough House**; Principal, A. S. Farnfield, B.A. Merton Court; Principal, J W. E. Pearce, M.A. GIRLS: High School; Principals, the Misses Chadbourne. Hamilton College; Principals, the Misses Meakin. Kelvedon Lodge; Principals, the Misses Cowdry. Westburton; Principal, Miss Pearse. Holmwood; Principal, Miss Stringer. St. Joseph's Convent School.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. John the Evangelist (parish), Christ Church (parish), Congregational, Wesleyan, Baptist Churches, and Roman Catholic Church in course of erection.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, football, tennis, and chess clubs; art classes, horticultural, literary, and scientific; Musical and Amateur Dramatic Societies. Sidcup Golf Club; 9 holes; Secretary, C. C. Tunks.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT SIDCUP:—

*Estate Agents*—WOODS & SNELLING, Sidcup, and 19 and 20, Walbrook, E.C.

*Drapers and Furnishing*—DAWSON & Co., 24 to 34, High Street.

*Sanitary Engineer, etc.*—Henry Dunn, Railway Approach.

*Schools*—Sidcup College and Marlborough House School, Sidcup.

*See page* 242.

# Slough, Bucks.

THIS town, situated just above the Thames Valley, on the Great Western Railway main line, with a splendid service of over forty trains a day in each direction, is a good residential centre, and houses may be obtained at rentals varying from £30 to £300 per annum. The district is in the midst of beautiful and picturesque surroundings, and the locality teems with places of historical and antiquarian interest. Stoke Poges is probably the most-visited village in this neighbourhood, and though the church has been much altered since Gray wrote his immortal poem, yet the "rugged elm and yew trees' shade" are still there, and Gray's tomb is in the churchyard. Burnham Beeches, the scene of innumerable picnic parties, are part of an ancient forest of pollard beech trees. The London City Corporation in 1883 secured some 380 acres as a national park. Chalfont St. Giles contains the cottage where Milton resided, and is now preserved for the public; there is an interesting museum of Miltonian relics and rare editions of the poet's work. Not far away is the Quaker meeting-house "Jordan's," where William Penn is buried. The village of Hampden is associated with the famous John Hampden, and Hughenden, beautifully situated and commanding a splendid view, was the residence of the late Lord Beaconsfield. He is buried in the churchyard, and many visit his tomb and the marble monument in the church erected by "his grateful sovereign and friend, Victoria, R.I." There are plenty of opportunities for recreation, including hunting, golf, cricket, football, and tennis clubs. The G.W.R. have a service of motor buses running between Slough and Beaconsfield (fare, 1s.), and between Slough, Eton, and Windsor (fare, 3d.) through lanes of exquisite beauty and charming villages. Motor service to Colnbrook and Datchet through Langley, also to Ascot through Windsor. The river at Windsor is handy for boating enthusiasts and anglers.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the main line of the G.W.R., the journey occupying less than half an hour.

For further particulars of this district see "The Chalfont Country," No. 33 of the Homeland Handbooks from the publishers of this volume.

Motor buses also run to Beaconsfield, *via* Farnham Royal, in connection with the railway company.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Paddington ... ... | 3/- | 2/- | 1/6 | 5/6 | 3/6 | 3/- |
| „ Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to Tuesday ... ... | | | | 4/3 | 3/- | 2/6 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. |
|---|---|---|
| Paddington ... | £22 10s. | £16 15s. per annum. |

RENTS.—£30 to £300 per annum.

RATES.—About 6s. in the £. GAS, 3s. 11d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and brick earth.

ALTITUDE.—About 105 ft.

DEATH RATE.—1904, 12·6.

POPULATION.—12,650.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday (1 p.m.).

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Upton School; Principal, G. P. Fisher. GIRLS: Halidon House School; Principal, Miss Smith. Upton House School; Principal, Miss Etherington.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's (Parish), St. Lawrence (Upton). Roman Catholic, Congregational, Baptist, Wesleyan, and Primitive Methodist.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, football, hockey, and tennis clubs. Good hunting centre with O.B.H. (West), Berks and Bucks Farmers' Staghounds. Datchet Golf Club (2 miles); Secretaries, S. M. Monkland and E. G. Robinson. 9 holes. Burnham Beeches Golf Club; Secretary, A. V. Buckland. Subscription, £2 2s.; Ladies, 10s. 6d.; entrance, £2 2s.; Ladies, 10s. 6d. Course, 18 holes, a splendid sporting one; turf and lies good, excellent greens, gravelly soil. Hazards numerous, consisting of whins, gravel-pits, bushes, bunkers. Boating at Datchet, Eton, and Windsor.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT SLOUGH :—

*Estate Agents*—BUCKLAND & SONS, 118, High Street.
*Baker and Pastrycook*—C. FARROW, 62 and 126 High Street.
*Pork Butcher*—JOHN HARDING, 120, High Street.
*Dairyman*—NEVILLE & GRIFFIN, 84, High Street.

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# Southall, Hayes, and Hillingdon, Middlesex.

AS a residential place Southall is coming much to the fore. The census of 1901 gave its population as 13,200 against 7,560 in 1891. It is now estimated at 20,000. This increase is no doubt due to the many facilities for getting to town, the London United Tramways providing a cheap and rapid service of trams to Shepherd's Bush and Hammersmith; the Tube connecting direct to the City. From Paddington it is only nine miles by rail. The air is pure, and the healthiness of the district is due in some measure to its subsoil of gravel and sand. It is well supplied with shops. There is a free library. Public Baths are to be erected. There are recreation grounds, golf links, and other athletic and sporting clubs. The houses are modern and of varying rentals, thoroughly well built and drained on the most approved principles. The above remarks practically apply to three districts, Hayes and Hillingdon being about twelve miles from town, on the same soil and enjoying the same conditions. The latter place, close to Uxbridge, is perhaps the most picturesque village. The land is partly arable and partly pasture, and a great quantity of fruit is grown. There are many places of interest in the neighbourhood, amongst which may be mentioned the Manor House at Hayes, formerly the Palace of Archbishop Cranmer, and now occupied by the Rector of St. Mary the Virgin, and, though modernised, still contains a panelled room with a lofty carved chimney-piece. There are also other well-preserved specimens of old domestic architecture, and in and about this district are some fine old churches.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Southall and Hayes are served by the Great Western Railway main line, and Hillingdon from Cowley Station on the Uxbridge Branch.

TRAMS.—There is direct communication by tram from Shepherd's Bush Station—Fares, Southall, 3d.; Hayes, 4d.; Hillingdon, 5d.; and omnibuses run between Southall and Hounslow about every hour. Passenger Rail Motor Cars also run between Southall and Westbourne Grove *via* Greenford and Park Royal.

RAILWAY FARES.—Paddington :—

| | Single. | | | Return. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Southall ... ... | 1/2 | 9d. | 7d. | 2/- | 1/4 | 1/- |
| Hayes ... ... | 1/6 | 1/- | 9d. | 2/7 | 1/9 | 1/3 |
| Cowley, for Hillingdon | 2/- | 1/3 | 1/- | 3/- | 1/10 | 1/6 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| Southall ... ... | £12 10s. | £9 10s. | £7 12s. |
| Hayes ... ... ... | £13 10s. | £10 5s. | £8 4s. |
| Cowley ... ... | £16 5s. | £12 10s. | £10 0s. |

RENTS.—£26 to £70 per annum.

RATES.—6s. 9d. in the £ exclusive of water rate. GAS, 2s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and sand.

ALTITUDE.—100 to 120 feet.

DEATH RATE.—12·2.

POPULATION.—Southall, 13,200; Hayes, 2,594 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Southall, Wednesday, 1 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—See under Ealing and Acton.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Parish Church, Holy Trinity, St. John's, Baptist, Wesleyan, and Roman Catholic.

RECREATIONS.—Football and other athletic clubs. The Southall Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club; Secretaries, Rev. H. Mills and Mrs. S. W. Abbott. Subscription, £1 1s. West Middlesex Golf Club; Secretary, E. Bradley Hunt. Subscription, £5 5s.; ladies, £2 2s. Entrance, £7 7s.; ladies, £2 2s. Excellent sporting course, 18 holes, dry and firm soil, well-kept greens. Hazards,—gravel-pits, ditches, ponds, railways. Hillingdon Golf Club; 9 holes Secretary, C. M. Newton.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT SOUTHALL :—

*Estate Agent*—HERBERT J. NORMAN, 1, The Broadway.

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# Staines, Middlesex.

THIS favourite riverside resort probably derived its name from the boundary stone, dated 1285, situated in a meadow near the bridge, which is a handsome structure connecting the counties of Middlesex and Surrey. This reach of the Thames is very popular, owing no doubt to the fact that, being only nineteen miles from town, transit to and from the metropolis is quickly accomplished by an excellent and frequent train service. There are plenty of delightful residences in the neighbourhood, and it is a favourite spot for house-boats, there being some charming and picturesque backwaters close at hand. Under the auspices of the Egham Perseverance Boating Club an annual regatta of a local character is held. The town itself is clean and well built, and is supplied with water derived from the chalk. The shops in the town are good. The stores controlled by Mr. Perkins deserve special mention, as their appointments are surpassed by none in the South of England. There is a Town Hall, with seating accommodation for 500, in the Market Square, and the open spaces total about 350 acres. It may be of interest to antiquaries to learn that many Roman remains have been found in the neighbourhood, as well as relics of an earlier period. The parish church of St. Mary the Virgin is built on the site of the ancient church of 675 A.D. The present tower was built in 1631 by Inigo Jones, and the church itself contains a window the gift of the late Emperor Frederick III. of Germany and the Empress Frederick. Runnymede, of Magna Charta fame, is about a mile and a half distant, and adjoins Egham—the Saxon word "rune," signifying "counsel," probably being the origin of its name. Coaches still run through the town, and the Tally Ho, between London and Windsor, changes horses there. There is a Golf Club at Laleham, the country round provides excellent excursions for cyclists and pedestrians, and the river is all that can be desired for boating and fishing.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Served by two railway companies—the London and South Western Railway and the Great Western Railway.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo or Paddington | 2/8 | 1/8 | 1/4 | 4/8 | 3/- | 2/6 |
| Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to Tuesday | | | | 4/- | 2/9 | 2/3 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—Waterloo, Paddington : 1st Class, £22 ; 2nd Class, £16 10s. per annum. Third Class season tickets are issued to Paddington at £13 per annum.

RENTS.—£30 and upwards.

RATES.—8s. 9d. in the £. Gas, 3s. 3d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel.

ALTITUDE.—16 ft. to 50 ft.

POPULATION.—6688 (1901).

DEATH RATE (1904).—10·5 per 1000.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : High School; Principal, Mr. Hubbard. GIRLS : High School; Principal, Mrs. Tyars.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's (parish), St. Peter's, Roman Catholic, and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Boating, swimming, cycling, and Chertsey Golf Club at Laleham on Thames, 18 holes ; Secretary, Dr. P. T. Head.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT STAINES :—

*Provision Stores, Butchers, etc.*—G. PERKINS, The Stores.

*Dairy*—WILLISON, 82, High Street.

*House Furnishers*—MORFORD & GOODMAN, 37 to 41, High Street, and at Thames Street.

*Furnishing Ironmonger*—F. C. DIXON, High Street.

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# Streatham, Surrey.

THOUGH still termed a "village" by its inhabitants, it has all the characteristics of a large and popular suburban town. Included in the parliamentary borough of Wandsworth, it lies within the County of London. Its splendid Common together with that of Tooting Bec, affords a large area of open ground.

Like Tunbridge Wells, Streatham had its chalybeate springs; discovered about 1659, they attracted many wealthy London citizens, who, in search of health, settled round the common. The waters are not much in request now, but the springs still exist on the property of a dairyman of the town. Socially speaking, Streatham was ever a favourite quarter; a prominent inhabitant of this village was Henry Thrale, the famous brewer of Southwark, who lived in Streatham Park, and at whose house Dr. Johnson was a frequent guest.

Easily reached, with excellent shops, houses of all kinds and at rentals to suit the means of all, well served by tramway and railway, the town has gained great popularity, and the finding of suitable accommodation is not difficult. Streatham, with another of the suburbs in the south of the Metropolis, has made a speciality of flats. Besides the now accepted form of "Mansions," the pleasanter and newer one-storey house containing two dwellings, with separate entrances and entirely self-contained, provide most desirable accommodation for those who are not inclined to undertake the responsibility of a large establishment.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—The neighbourhood is served by stations all on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.

Streatham Station in the High Road is on the Main Portsmouth line, and is also served by the London and South Western Railway from Ludgate Hill, *viâ* Herne Hill.

Streatham Hill Station is on the Crystal Palace and Victoria Line. Trains also run to London Bridge *viâ* Tulse Hill.

Streatham Common and Norbury Stations, both recently rebuilt, are on the main line from Victoria to Croydon, and to London Bridge *viâ* Norwood Junction.

The FARES are as follows:—

| | LONDON BRIDGE. | | | | | | VICTORIA. | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Single. | | | Return. | | | Single. | | | Return. | | |
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Streatham ... | 1/1 | 9d. | 6½d. | 1/10 | 1/4 | 1/- | | | | | | |
| ,, Common | 1/4 | 1/1 | 9d. | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/2 | 1/- | 9d. | 6d. | 1/8 | 1/3 | 10d. |
| ,, Hill ... | 1/3 | 1/- | 7d. | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/-* | 10d. | 7d. | 5d. | 1/3 | 1/- | 8d. |
| Norbury ... | 1/4 | 1/1 | 9d. | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 10d. | 7d. | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/- |

* *Viâ* Tulse Hill, Single—1st, 1s.; 2nd, 8d.; 3rd, 6d. Return—1st, 1s. 6d.; 2nd, 1s.; 3rd, 9d.

| | Single. | | | Return. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Streatham from Ludgate Hill ... | 1/2 | 11d. | 6½d. | 1/10 | 1/5 | 1/– |

| Season-Ticket Rates :— | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. |
|---|---|---|
| Streatham to London Bridge ... ... ... | £12 | £8 |
| „ „ Ludgate Hill ... ... ... | £12 | £8 |
| Streatham Common to London Bridge ... | £12 | £8 |
| „ „ „ Victoria ... ... | £9 10s. | £7 7s. 6d. |
| Streatham Hill to London Bridge ... ... | £12 | £8 |
| „ „ „ „ „ (*via* Tulse Hill) | £9 10s. | £7 7s. 6d. |
| „ „ „ Victoria ... ... ... | £9 10s. | £7 7s. 6d. |

A reduction of from 5 to 15 per cent. is made when two or more members of a family take season tickets.

RENTS.—Varying from £30 to £250 per annum.

RATES.—7s. 3d. in the £. GAS, 2s. per 1000 cubic ft. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. per B.T. unit, or flat rate of 6d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and clay.

ALTITUDE.—About 200 ft. above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—10·45 (1904).

POPULATION.—78,377.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—There are no fewer than nineteen good schools in the district, among which are : BOYS : Streatham College ; Principal, C. F. Venn, M.A. Streatham Grammar School ; Principal, H. Large, F.R.G.S. Streatham School ; Principals, R. H. Wyatt, M.A., and C. M. Thomas, M.A. GIRLS : Streatham Hill High School ; Principal, Miss Oldham. High School for Girls, 88, Streatham High Road ; Principal, Miss Amy G. Lefroy. St. Helens School, 170, Streatham High Road ; Principal, Miss E. Salmon.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Besides the Parish Church of St. Leonard, there are nine Episcopal Churches in the district, and also Congregational, Baptist, Wesleyan Methodist, Primitive Methodist, Free Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches.

RECREATION AND AMUSEMENTS.—GOLF : North Surrey Golf Club ; Links, Norbury (18 holes) ; Hon. Sec., W. Blackford. Norbury Golf Club ; Links, Norbury (9 holes) ; Secretary, F. Holmes. There are also Early Morning Clubs using Streatham and Tooting Bec Commons, and several Lawn Tennis, Badminton, and Croquet Clubs.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT STREATHAM :—

*Estate Agents*—W. N. WILLOUGHBY, SON & CALLOW, 119, Streatham Hill, and at Norwood and Bickley.

*Bakers and Confectioners*—PAUL & CALLARD, 128 and 151, High Road ; 113, Mitcham Lane, and at Wimbledon.

*Dairyman*—EDMOND'S DAIRY FARM, 241, High Road.

*Laundry*—W. BIRD, New Imperial Laundry, Brixton Hill.

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# Sunbury, Middlesex.

THE ancient manor of Sunaberie was given by the Confessor to the Abbey of Westminster, and in the twelfth century the Manor House became a royal palace and continued so for more than 200 years.

The little riverside town, with its quaint church and main street running parallel with the stream, is well known to all lovers of the Thames. The station, which is more than a mile from the river, is connected therewith by a picturesque road, which is gradually being lined with houses of a moderate size, and round the railway, at Sunbury Common, a new district is springing up at the junction of roads from Staines, Feltham, Twickenham, Kingston, and the Old Town.

The Thames is the premier attraction, and the delights of boating may be indulged in over the section between Weybridge and Hampton. The country round is pretty and well wooded, and from Thames Street a fine and straight avenue of chestnuts will in time rival those of Bushey Park.

In the immediate vicinity is Kempton Park with its attractive race-course, provided with a station on the London and South Western Railway, Shepperton branch.

Amongst the places of interest within easy reach by road, river, or rail are Hampton, Hampton Court, Molesey, Walton, Weybridge, Chertsey, Laleham, and further afield, Staines, Windsor, Richmond, Kingston, Surbiton. The roads are good and, as a rule, not hilly.

The Parish Church of St. Mary was rebuilt in the middle of the eighteenth century, when the ancient Norman or, perhaps, pre-Norman edifice was pulled down. Considerable alterations were made in 1856, when a chancel was added and the western porch built. The architecture is of a very mixed and nondescript kind.

Sunbury Common is a separate ecclesiastical district and is served by the Church of St. Saviour's.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Sunbury is served by the Thames Valley or Shepperton branch of the L. & S. W. R. from the junction at Twickenham. There is a fair train service taking about an hour from Waterloo.

FARES :—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 2/6 | 1/9 | 1/4 |
| RETURN ... ... | 3/- | 2/6 | 2/3 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—1st class, £20 ; 2nd class, £15 per annum ; 3rd class, £3 per quarter.

RENTS.—Moderate.

RATES.—Lighted district, 6s. 3d. in the £ ; non-lighted district, 5s. 9d. in the £. GAS, 5s. per 1000 cubic feet, 4s. 6d. for cooking purposes.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and clay.

ALTITUDE.—30 feet to 50 feet.

POPULATION.—4544 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Hampton Grammar School, Hampton. GIRLS : Miss Walters, Springfield Road ; Miss Harris, Thames Street.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—The Parish Church of St. Mary, St. Saviour's Church, Sunbury Common ; Congregational Church, Wesleyan Chapel, Roman Catholic Church of St. Ignatius.

RECREATIONS.—Boating, fishing, and sailing, cricket, hockey, tennis, and golf. Fulwell Golf Club, Hampton Hill ; Secretary, H. O. Stuchbury ; 18 holes. Ashley Park Golf Club, Walton-on-Thames ; 9 holes ; Hon. Secretary, Albert Gibson.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES :—

*Provision Merchants*—HOLLAND & BARRETT, Sunbury Common.

*Furnishing and Removals*—WINTOUR PHELPS & SONS, Teddington.

*Stationer and Library (in connection with Mudie's)*—J. NEWMAN, Post Office, Sunbury.

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# Surbiton, Surrey.

IN close proximity to Kingston, its wide and well-kept streets, its large houses and good shops, denote Surbiton a prosperous residential neighbourhood. This prosperity, no doubt, lies in the fact that, being on the London and South Western Railway main line, the facilities afforded to the business man for getting quickly to town are good.

Its rapid growth may be gathered from the last two enumerations. In 1891 the population was 12,176, while that of 1901 showed a population of 15,017.

As a riverside resort it has always been popular. There are promenades along the river bank, well laid out, lined with fine old elm trees, and provided with seats; a band plays twice a week during the summer. On the opposite bank is the Home Park and in the background Hampton Court Palace, one of the special attractions of the neighbourhood.

Surbiton has access to much beautiful rural scenery, and the view from the considerable elevation of Surbiton Hill is extensive. There are good educational advantages in the town, and the social interests of the place are well provided for by all kinds of sport and recreative clubs, and there are three race-courses within easy reach.

The town is governed by an Urban District Council, and is well drained and lighted. There are extensive recreation grounds, well kept and largely used for athletic gatherings, and a charming lake for model-yacht sailing is situated in the Home Park.

The ancient and Royal borough of Kingston-upon-Thames adjoins Surbiton, and is full of interesting and historical associations. The roads are excellent for cycling and motoring, and there are facilities for all kinds of river sports.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the main line of the London and South Western Railway, quick trains occupy twenty minutes in making the journey to Waterloo.

For further particulars of this district, see "Kingston and Surbiton," No. 24 of the Homeland Handbooks, from the publishers of this volume.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo ... ... | 2/- | 1/3 | 1/- | 2/6 | 2/- | 1/8 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—Waterloo : 1st class, £18 ; 2nd class, £13 10s. per annum ; 3rd class, £2 14s. quarterly.

RENTS.—£30 to £450 per annum. The smaller houses are at Tolworth, which will shortly be placed in rapid communication with Surbiton by the tramway now in course of construction.

RATES.—6s. in the £. GAS, 2s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. first hour, per B.T. unit, 3d. after; or flat rate of 6d.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and clay.

ALTITUDE.—50 ft. to 100 ft.

DEATH RATE.—10·3.

POPULATION.—15,017 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Shrewsbury House; Principal, Rev. F. Woodhouse. Elm House School; Principal, W. Elwyn Fiske, M.A. GIRLS : High School; Principal, Miss A. M. Proctor. Argyll House; Principals, Misses Wheeler and Stephens. Romanoff; Principal, Miss Cooke. The Convent; Principal, Miss Jenny Roslyn.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mark's, and four other Episcopal Churches; and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Surbiton Golf Club; Secretary, B. May. Subscription, £3 3s.; Ladies, £1 11s. 6d.; entrance, £2 2s.; 18 holes; situated on Ditton Hill. The course is an excellent sporting one; turf, old pasture; and natural hazards many and varied. Cricket, hockey (for the past two years the internationals have taken place here), tennis (the finest tennis-courts in Surrey, 17 courts and three croquet lawns), football, rowing, fishing, lacrosse, and golf links at Home Park, and Waffons, Long Ditton. There is also a flourishing Beagle Club.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES :—

*Estate Agents*—BONIWELL & Co., opposite Surbiton Station.
*Furnishing*—R. E. SKINNER, 7, Victoria Pavement, Surbiton.
*Tailor*—E. PALMER, Brighton Road, Surbiton.
*Furniture Removals*—WINTOUR PHELPS & SONS, Teddington.

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# Sutton, Surrey.

MIDWAY between Croydon and Epsom, at the foot of the Banstead Downs, and twelve miles from London, Sutton is situated on the line along which the chalk uplands dip towards the Thames Valley. A narrow bed of pebbly gravel separates the chalk and clay formation, and runs through the town from east to west.

Sutton is entirely a residential town, and has increased in size very rapidly during the past decade; a large number of houses of a good class have been erected, principally upon the southern or Down side of the town. The popularity of this healthy situation is well deserved, a fine bracing atmosphere and freedom from ground-mists being a characteristic of the district.

The old Brighton road passes through the town, and the "Cock Inn" was, in coaching days, the first stage from London.

The surroundings, like those of its near neighbour, Epsom, are very diverse in character. The Down roads are superb for all methods of locomotion, and those on the lower levels are good except in the tree-sheltered parts after heavy and continuous rain.

Numerous interesting and historical villages are within easy walking distance, while to the cyclist the Holmesdale Valley, with its ancient towns and villages, is immediately accessible. The views from the high ground of Banstead and Epsom Downs are very extensive.

Banstead Village, the position of which is well marked by its interesting little church, is situated on the high Down close to the station of the same name on the Epsom Downs Branch, which leaves the main line at Sutton Junction. The curious well-house, at the side of the road, and the "Woolpack Inn," will not fail to arrest the attention of visitors.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—The main Portsmouth line of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company is here joined by the West Croydon Branch, and these, together with the line serving Banstead and Epsom Downs, make the junction a somewhat important one, which is adequately served by a fine station. The City stations are London Bridge, Victoria, and Kensington, reached either *via* Mitcham Junction or West Croydon. The FARES are as follows:—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 2/- | 1/4 | 11d. |
| RETURN (8 days) | 2/6 | 2/3 | 1/8 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—Available at London Bridge and Victoria. 1st class, £16 10s. 2nd class, £10 10s. A discount of from five per cent. to fifteen per cent. is allowed when two or more members of a family take season tickets.

RENTS.—In the southern part of the town the rentals are higher than in the other districts, being generally over £60, and rising to £300 per annum.

RATES.—5s. 8d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 8d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. per B.T. unit, reduced to 2d. per B.T. unit after a proportionate consumption has been reached. WATER SUPPLY—Good and Plentiful.

SUBSOIL.—Southern district chalk, northern district clay, with an intervening belt of gravel.

ALTITUDE.—180 ft. to 300 ft. above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—10 per 1,000.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

POPULATION.—17,224 (1901).

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Sutton County School; Principal, E. H. Hensley, M.A. Sutton Preparatory School, Manor Park House; Principal, A. W. F. Rutty, M.A. Homefield Preparatory School, Park Road; Principal, E. G. Bradley, M.A. GIRLS: Eversfield, Cheam Road; Principal, Miss Mary Tomes. High School, Cheam Road; Principal, Miss Bell. Preparatory School, "Redlands," Brighton Road; Principals, Mrs. Edwards and Miss Tilt.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Nicholas Parish Church, Benhilton Church, Christ Church, St. Barnabas Church, Congregational, Baptist, Wesleyan, United Methodist Free Church, Primitive Methodist, Roman Catholic, and Salvation Army.

SPORTS AND RECREATIONS.—Banstead Downs Golf Club; 18 holes. Secretary, E. J. Chessher. A fine sporting course. Subscription £5 5s., entrance £15 15s. Ladies' course, 9 holes. Cricket, Football, and other Clubs, excellent swimming baths.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT SUTTON:—

*Estate Agents*—MESSRS. MORGAN, BAINES, AND CLARK, opposite Station.

*Builder*—HARRY T. FREEMAN, Mulgrave Road.

*Wine Merchant*—J. R. TRIBE, 109, High Street.

*Baker and Confectioner*—G. Riddington, 8 and 35, High Street.

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# Sydenham, Kentish Border.

BROUGHT into popularity half a century ago by the erection of the Crystal Palace on the top of Sydenham Hill, this locality is a favourite residential one. Healthily situated, it stands high on the slope of the hills just within the Kentish border; the air is bracing, and it is easy of access from town. The open country is within easy reach, and there are several open spaces in the district. There are a number of large houses standing in their own grounds, and estates are now in the builders' hands, upon which are rising charming up-to-date houses with all modern conveniences. For those who prefer flats, there are excellent dwellings of this class to be had at moderate rentals. There are admirable high-class shops, many of them old-established. The thoroughfares are wide, and many are lined with fine trees.

The Crystal Palace, designed by Sir Joseph Paxton, was removed from Hyde Park to Sydenham Hill, and was opened in 1854 by the late Queen Victoria. There are many places of interest within walking distance. Dulwich, with its beautiful college standing in its own grounds; the picture gallery, containing valuable pictures by old masters; and the exquisitely laid out and well-kept park, a mile in circumference. Horniman's Museum, at the top of Forest Hill, contains some valuable collections and curiosities, which were presented, together with the building they occupy and the surrounding grounds, by Mr. Horniman; its contents are well worth careful inspection and study.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Sydenham is on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, communicating with London Bridge, Victoria, Kensington, and Liverpool Street. Another route is from Penge or Sydenham Hill, on the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, to Victoria, Holborn Viaduct, and Ludgate Hill; or Upper Sydenham to the same stations by the High Level line of the same company. Lower Sydenham is on the South Eastern Railway, and communicates with Charing Cross, Cannon Street, and London Bridge.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| L. B. & S. C. Ry.—London Bridge... | 11d. | 9d. | 6½d. | 1/6 | 1/2 | 10d. |
| ,, ,, Victoria... ... | 1/4 | 1/1 | 9d. | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/2 |
| ,, ,, Liverpool Street. | 1/3 | 11d. | 6d. | 1/10 | 1/3 | 1/- |
| L. C. & D. Ry.—Sydenham Hill to L. C. D. Ry. termini ... ... | 10d. | 8d. | 6d. | 1/3 | 1/- | 9d. |
| L. C. & D. Ry.—Penge ... ... | 1/- | 9d. | 6d. | 1/6 | 1/- | 10d. |
| ,, ,, Upper Sydenham to L. C. & D. Ry. termini ... ... | 1/2 | 10d. | 7d. | 1/9 | 1/4 | 11d. |
| S. E. Ry.—Lower Sydenham to S. E. R. termini ... ... ... | 1/- | 9d. | 7d. | 1/6 | 1/- | 10d. |

| SEASON-TICKET RATES:— | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. |
|---|---|---|
| L. B. & S. C. Ry. ... ... | £12 ... | £8 per annum. |
| Sydenham Hill or Penge ... | £11 ... | £7 10s. ,, |
| Upper Sydenham ... ... | £12 ... | £8 ,, |
| Lower Sydenham... ... | £12 ... | £9 ,, |

RENTS.—£24 and upwards; flats, £33 and upwards (inclusive of rates).

RATES.—Lewisham portion 7s. 8d., Beckenham portion 5s. 8d., in the £. GAS, 2s. 5d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Clay.

ALTITUDE.—120 ft. to 345 ft.

DEATH RATE.—About 12 per 1000.

POPULATION.—22,468 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAYS.—Part Wednesday, 5 p.m.; part Saturday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: The Hall, Private Road, West Hill; Principal, J. Crosland Mallam, M.A. West Hill School, 76, West Hill; Principal, Jas. A. Foster, M.A. GIRLS: Sydenham High School, West Hill; Principal, Miss Sheldon. Caen Tower, West Hill; Principal, the Misses Johnson. Sydenham Conservatoire of Music; Principal, Mr. Gustav Ernest.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Bartholomew's (parish), Holy Trinity, St. Michael and All Angels, St. Philip's, St. Matthew's, Roman Catholic, Congregational, Baptist, and Wesleyan.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, tennis, football, cycling, and hockey clubs. Choral, operatic, and orchestral societies. Dulwich and Sydenham Hill Golf Club, near Sydenham Hill Station; Secretary, F. C. Nunn; subscription £3 3s., Ladies £1 1s.; Entrance £5 5s., Ladies £2 2s.; an undulating course of 9 holes; excellent turf and well-kept greens; hazards principally trees and bunkers. The Honor Oak and Forest Hill Golf Club, near Honor Oak Station; Secretary, C. J. H. Shearn; subscription £4 4s., Ladies £2 2s.; the 9-hole course is on hilly ground, excellent turf, lies good, and natural hazards. Recreation Grounds: Wells Park, Sydenham Recreation Ground, the Alexandra Recreation Ground, and the Home Park, Lower Sydenham, adjoining the Carnegie Public Library.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES:—

*Estate Agents*—NOYS & HOWES, 4, Sydenham Road, Sydenham Station.

*Draper and House Furnisher*—WALTER COBB, Sydenham.

*Job Master*—GEORGE T. TYE, Perry Vale, Forest Hill, and Sydenham.

*Butchers*—CHALK & COX, Sydenham, Forest Hill, and Catford.

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# Tadworth and Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey.

WITH the extension of the railway to Tattenham Corner, the districts in proximity to the Chipstead Valley line are rapidly rising in favour. Tadworth is four miles from Epsom, where there are good shops. Walton-on-the-Hill is about three-quarters of a mile from Tadworth Station, and is beautifully situated. There is a fine expanse of breezy heath, on which many Roman relics have been found, as well as traces of Roman buildings. An extensive view may be obtained from this ridge over Reigate. Walton Manor House is interesting to the historian and antiquary. It is said to be twelfth-century work. It was originally a monastery, but after the dissolution in the reign of Henry VIII., it became the residence of Anne of Cleves. The church contains a very fine specimen of a lead font of the Late Norman period, in excellent preservation and handsome in design. Lord Russell of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice of England, resided at Tadworth Court, where he died in 1900. The great attraction of the district is its Golf Club. The course is situated on Walton Heath, which is at an elevation of 650 to 700 ft., and will undoubtedly soon be one of the best courses within easy reach of London. The railway companies grant facilities to the Club, and a special train runs to and from Charing Cross on Sundays. The soil is a sandy loam and the turf is of a very fine quality, and after heavy rain it quickly dries owing to the excellent natural drainage. At present there is a scarcity of houses to let, but building is going on rapidly in response to the demand. A business train leaves Tadworth at 8.42, and reaches town in forty-three minutes.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the Chipstead Valley branch of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway, in direct communication with Charing Cross, Cannon Street, and London Bridge.

| FARES :— | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/2 |
| RETURN... ... | 4/- | 2/9 | 2/2 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—London Bridge, Cannon Street, Charing Cross, and Waterloo Junction : 1st Class, £18 10s ; 2nd Class, £12 10s. per annum.

RENTS.—From £40 upwards.

RATES.—Walton Parish, 3s. in the £. Banstead Parish, 4s. 8d. in the £. There is a good supply of water, and a proposal to install Gas and Electric Light is on foot.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—From 500 ft. to 700 ft.

DEATH RATE.—Very low.

POPULATION.—Walton, 839 in 1901. Growing rapidly.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS—BOYS : See under Purley and Epsom. GIRLS : St. Monica's ; Principal, Miss Heath-Jones. Preparatory School for Girls and Boys, Stadium ; Principal, Miss Gardner.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Peter's (parish), St. Andrew's, Kingswood Parish Church, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Mission Hall.

RECREATIONS.—Hockey and cricket clubs. Hunting with the Old Surrey Foxhounds, and Surrey Staghounds. A small library with a low subscription. Walton Heath Golf Club ; Secretary, W. H. Fowler. Subscription, £5 5s., Ladies £3 3s. Entrance £10 10s., Ladies, £2 2s. An excellent course of 18 holes, splendid turf, good greens. Club-house for 500 members and a full-sized croquet lawn.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES :—

*Estate Agents*—SLADE & CHURCH, Tadworth Station.

*Provision Merchant*—H. T. WARNER, The Stores, Walton-on-the-Hill.

*Butcher*—H. CAVE, Walton-on-the-Hill.

*Coal Merchant*—JOHN KING, Kingswood and Tadworth Stations.

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# Teddington, Middlesex.

ANCIENTLY known by the names of "Tuddington" or "Totington," this village is pleasantly situated on the left bank of the Thames, twelve miles from Waterloo on the London and South Western Railway. It is but a short distance from the borough of Kingston, and is therefore supplied with a good market to supplement the local shops, which are many and of a good class. The chief attraction of the place is, without doubt, the river, which is tidal as far as Teddington Lock, and the boating is very good. Teddington Weir is renowned for fine fish, and anglers will be well repaid for a visit—barbel, pike, and carp can be taken, but the angler is recommended to fish from a punt, not from the bank. Bushey Park borders on the western edge of the village, and Hampton Court Palace, with its beautiful gardens and historic associations, makes a delightful afternoon's excursion. The roads are excellent for motoring, cycling, or driving, and having a gravel soil are quickly in good condition after rain. Hurst Park, Kempton Park, and Sandown Park race-courses are distant two, four, and seven miles respectively.

The Church contains some interesting monuments and brasses, one commemorating the fact that "Peg Woffington," the famous actress, died here in 1760. John Walter, the founder of *The Times*, is also buried here, and there is a tablet to his memory. The Churchyard, which is well-kept, has an attractive appearance, owing to the flowers and shrubs with which it is planted.

A good service of trams connects the town with both Richmond and Shepherd's Bush.

The Council have provided a recreation ground, reading-room, and allotments. A new Carnegie library is in course of erection, and will be opened about June 1905.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS.—From Waterloo on the London and South Western Railway and Ludgate Hill by the South Eastern and Chatham Railway and L. & S. W. R. *via* Barnes and Hammersmith.

For particulars of the fishing see Chapter XIV., in "Kingston and Surbiton," No. 24 of the Homeland Handbooks, from the publishers of this volume.

| FARES :— | | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo ... | ... | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/- | 2/6 | 2/- | 1/8 |
| Ludgate Hill | ... | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/2 | 2/9 | 2/3 | 1/9 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

Waterloo.

1st Class. £18 per annum — 2nd Class. £13 10s. per annum — 3rd Class. £2 14s. per quarter

Ludgate Hill.

1st Class. £20 10s. per annum — 2nd Class. £15 7s. 6d. per annum

RENTS.—From £26 to £200 per annum. Modern houses with gardens from £30 to £50.

RATES.—6s. 11d. in the £. GAS, 3s. 2d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5½d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel.

ALTITUDE.—About 25 feet.

DEATH RATE.—11·5.

POPULATION.—16,000 (est.)

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—Several small private schools in Teddington; other good schools at Kingston, *q.v.*, about a mile distant.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Alban's (Parish), SS. Peter and Paul, St. Mark, and three Nonconformist Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, football, lawn tennis, and rowing clubs. GOLF LINKS: Fullwell Golf Club, 18 holes; Secretary, H. O. Stuchbury, Hampton Hill. See under Richmond, Kingston and Surbiton. Fishing.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES :—

*Estate Agents*—W. H. HUGHES & Co., Bridge Approach.

*Furniture Removals*—WINTOUR PHELPS & SONS, Broad Street.

*Dairyman*—W. POUPART & SONS, High Street.

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# Thames Ditton and Long Ditton, Surrey.

THE twin villages of Thames Ditton and Long Ditton lie between Esher Common and the Thames, the former, as its name denotes, being on the banks of the river. It is conveniently residential on account of the good and frequent train service to the Metropolis, and popular on account of its proximity to the river and Hampton Court. It is at the Dittons that one reaches the open country after leaving London ;—and the wide commons, the woodlands and the parks of Surrey stretch away free and uninterrupted to the south-west. The Urban District Council of Esher and the Dittons have spent some thousands of pounds in perfecting the system of main drainage laid down in 1888-89. There are good educational facilities at Kingston and Surbiton. The district, according to the report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1904, is singularly free from infectious diseases, and the Sanitary Authority has done much, from a hygienic point of view, to improve the neighbourhood.

There are many places of interest in the neighbourhood, Hampton Court and its beautiful gardens and park being on the opposite bank of the river; Bushey Park, with its grand chestnut avenue and its renowned herd of deer. Esher is within a walk, with its royal residence "Claremont," now occupied by H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany. Three race-courses—Hurst Park, Kempton Park, and Sandown—are all within easy reach. The roads have a good surface, and are excellent for motoring and cycling, and the pedestrian can enjoy a variety of delightful rambles in the neighbourhood. There are also plenty of recreative facilities, which include boating, fishing, rowing, cricket, football, and there are Golf Clubs at Weston Green, Long Ditton, and Claygate, and in the Home Park.

For full particulars of this district, see Homeland Handbook for Kingston, No. 24 of this series.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—A station on the Hampton Court branch of the London and South Western Railway serves Thames Ditton, and Long Ditton largely uses Surbiton Station.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo ... ... | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/2 | 2/8 | 2/- | 1/9 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| Waterloo ... | £20 | £15 per annum | £3 quarterly |

RENTS.—From £28 per annum.

RATES.—6s. 6d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and sand.

ALTITUDE.—20 to 112 feet, Thames Ditton; 28 to 114 feet at Long Ditton.

DEATH RATE.—10·9.

POPULATION.—3606 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday.

SCHOOLS.—See under Kingston and Surbiton.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's (Parish), Primitive Methodist and Mission Hall at Long Ditton. St. Nicholas (Parish), All Saints' (Mission), and Congregational at Thames Ditton.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket and Tennis Clubs. GOLF: Thames Ditton and Esher Golf Club; Secretary, Douglas Ridley. Subscription, £1 1s.; entrance, £1 1s. A good course, 9 holes, hazards natural. Surbiton Home Park, 18 holes; Secretary, Geo. Brann.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES :—

*Auctioneers and Estate Agents*—GARROD & WATSON, F.A.I., Portsmouth Road, Esher.

*Builders and Contractors*—SANSOM & BISHOP, Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton.

*Laundry*—THE SOUTH WESTERN SANITARY LAUNDRY, LD., Oil Mill Lane, Kingston.

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# Thornton Heath, Surrey.

FORMING part of the borough of Croydon, this suburb has increased very considerably, both in size and importance, within the last few years. It is on the Selhurst and Victoria line of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, and, in connection with the doubling of the track on this section, the station has been rebuilt on an imposing scale.

The district is provided with a fine Polytechnic and Library, and a swimming bath, which is boarded over during the winter months, thus providing a splendid hall for entertainments. The park at Grange Wood, 29 acres in extent, opened in 1901, is situated on the slope of the hill, on the Upper Norwood side of the district, and is a great boon to the whole surrounding neighbourhood—it is beautifully timbered, and the mansion is used as a museum and shelter, and refreshments are provided.

Numerous palæolithic flint implements have been found from time to time in the gravel of the district, and there is no doubt that one of the Roman roads passed through the town. During the construction of the railway in 1862 some silver pennies of the time of Alfred the Great were unearthed.

John Gilpin, renowned in verse, resided here, and for many generations the Gilpin family were connected with Croydon. In the past the chief industry of the place was charcoal burning, the surroundings having been densely wooded, but with the advent of coal this trade almost died out in the south of England.

There are many good houses still standing in their own grounds, but large estates are being rapidly covered with smaller houses and shops, the majority of which are well fitted and of good appearance. The Croydon Tramways have a branch line with a terminus here, by means of which Norbury, Croydon, Addiscombe, and Purley are reached with ease and comfort. Omnibuses also run to Streatham, Brixton, and the City, and to Norwood Junction.

There is a capital train service.

For further particulars of the surroundings, see "Croydon, New and Old," No. 7 of the Homeland Handbooks, from the publishers of this volume.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway main and local line from Victoria and from London Bridge *via* Norwood Junction or Streatham.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Victoria ... | 1/4 | 1/- | -/8 | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/2 |
| London Bridge | 1/4 | 1/1 | -/9 | 2/3 | 1/8 | 1/2 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—London Bridge, Victoria, and Kensington : 1st Class, £12 ; 2nd Class, £8 per annum.

RENTS.—From £25 upwards.

RATES.—7s. 8d. in the £. GAS : Croydon Gas Co., 2s. 8d., South Suburban Gas Co., 2s. 5d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, flat rate 5d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and clay.

ALTITUDE.—166 ft.

DEATH RATE.—Croydon (1903), 11·8.

POPULATION.—13,887 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : 114, Bensham Manor Road. GIRLS : Thornton Villa, Bensham Manor Road. (See also under Croydon.)

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Paul's, Congregational, Baptist, United Methodist, Wesleyan.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, tennis, football, cycling, and camera clubs. Golf Links : North Surrey Golf Club, Norbury Station ; 18 holes ; Secretary, W. Blackford. Norbury Golf Club : Secretary, F. Holmes, St. Winifred's, Norbury, S.W. ; 9 holes. Links also at Mitcham, Purley, and Woodside. Good swimming baths. Horticultural and Fanciers' Society.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES :—

*Fancy Draper*—J. C. LEETE, 7 & 8, The Pavement.

*Dyer and Cleaner*—G. WATERMAN, 24, South End, Croydon.

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# Tonbridge, Kent.

THIS quaint old town, situated on the banks of the Medway, and among beautiful surroundings, is only thirty miles from London, and a quick train service makes it possible for those whose business lies in the City to take up their residence here. There are two distinct residential districts—Dry Hill Park, close to the School, on the north side of the town, and a large district between the Tunbridge Wells and Pembury Roads; both upon high ground, and connected by the picturesque old High Street crossing the valley of the river. There is a selection of houses at all prices, and plenty of building facilities.

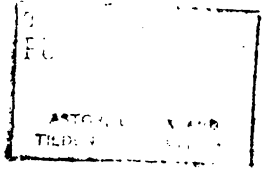
Among the dominant features of Tonbridge are the excellent educational advantages that the town offers. Tonbridge School is one of the famous Public Schools of England, and was founded in 1553 by Sir Andrew Judde. Tonbridge Commercial School is under the same foundation, and provides a sound course of modern education. There are, besides, a county school for girls, important ladies' schools, and two preparatory schools.

The locality is healthy, with a dry subsoil, and the roads are therefore excellent for motoring and cycling. There is also good boating on the river, and excursions by wood, meadow, or stream are possible. The pedestrian will find innumerable rambles through some of the loveliest and most varied scenery in Kent. Tonbridge is the centre of the hop-growing district, its gardens and oast houses giving an added picturesqueness to the pastoral surroundings. It is also a centre for county cricket, and the Cricket Week, an annual institution, attracts many visitors to the neighbourhood. Hunting is carried on in the district, and sports of all kinds have their clubs. The Council have recently, for the enjoyment of the public, acquired the ancient Castle, with delightful grounds by the river.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Tonbridge Junction is on the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway main line. The Hastings and the Croydon and Reigate branches of the same line also diverge here.

For further particulars of this district see "Tonbridge for the Resident and Holiday Maker," No. 1 of the Homeland Handbooks, from all booksellers or the publishers of this volume.

*Photograph*] **The Medway, at Tonbridge.** [T. A. Flemons.



| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| South Eastern Railway Termini ... ... | 5/2 | 3/3 | 2/6½ | 9/- | 6/6 | 5/1 |
| Friday, Saturday to Tuesday ... ... | | | | 7/6 | 5/- | 4/- |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—To all South Eastern and Chatham Railway termini : 1st class, £35 : 2nd class, £27 per annum. Special tickets for residents only, not available at intermediate stations : 1st class, £25 ; 2nd class, £20 per annum.

RENTS.—£25 to £200 per annum.

RATES.—6s. 6d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Sand and gravel, parts loam and brick earth.

ALTITUDE.—From 130 ft. to 150 ft.

DEATH RATE.—11·6.

POPULATION.—12,736.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Tonbridge School ; Head Master, Rev. C. Coverdale Tancock, D.D. Sir Andrew Judde's Commercial School ; Head Master, W. T. D. Bryant. Yardley Court (Preparatory) ; Head Master, A. L. Bickmore. Clare House (Preparatory), Head Master, A. M. Darling. GIRLS : County School for Girls, Technical Institute ; Principal, Miss Taylor. Ladies' College, Fosse Bank ; Principal, Madame Vetterli King. Tonbridge Girls' School ; Principal, Miss Janson.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, St. Stephen's, St. Saviour's Nonconformist Churches of all denominations, and Roman Catholic Chapel.

RECREATIONS.—Cricket, boating, football, tennis, skating, hockey, and golf clubs. Hadlow Harriers. Golf Club ; 9 holes ; Secretary, C. Kennington ; subscription, £1 1s., entrance £1 1s. ; Ladies 10s. 6d. ; entrance 10s. 6d.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT TONBRIDGE :—

*Estate Agents*—NEVE & SON, 1, Bank Street, Tonbridge.

*Furnisher and Removals*—G. E. LAWSON, 165, High Street, Tonbridge.

*Provision Merchant*—R. W. ANNISON, 130, High Street, Tonbridge.

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# Tunbridge Wells, Kentish Border.

A HIGHLY favoured and fashionable watering place, of considerable historic interest, Tunbridge Wells has been long known as a desirable residential locality.

Its situation is remarkable, its elevation affording splendid views, and its breezy common and numerous parks offering excellent opportunities for outdoor exercise to those who are unable to walk long distances. Hotel accommodation is above the average, some establishments standing at an altitude of over 400 ft. above sea level.

The soil is sandstone, the absorbent quality of which ensures dry roads, and, indeed, after a heavy fall of rain in the morning, riding and walking are usually possible in the afternoon.

The chalybeate water, discovered in 1606 by Lord North whilst on a visit at Eridge House, is of the nearly uniform temperature of fifty-two degrees, is charged with carbonic-acid gas, and is thus enabled to hold in solution the three grains of iron per gallon which it contains. The principal spring is situated on the Pantiles. Medical testimony is unanimous as to the beneficial effect of these waters.

Of rambles for the cyclist and pedestrian there are plenty. Besides the natural beauties afforded by the situation, the sandstone rocks add to the landscape a feature rarely found in inland resorts.

The shops are excellent, educational advantages above the average, and the immediate neighbourhood boasts a number of historic mansions of no little interest.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Tunbridge Wells is served by two railway systems, the South-Eastern, and London, Brighton, and South Coast, each of which provides a good service of fast and convenient trains. The S.E. line takes the traveller directly through Kent, *via* Chislehurst and Sevenoaks. The Brighton line enters the town at its Sussex end in proximity to the Pantiles.

| FARES :— | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 5/10 | 3/8 | 2/8½ |
| RETURN ... ... | 10/– | 7/4 | 5/5 |
| WEEK-END TICKETS | 8/6 | 5/6 | 4/6 |

| SEASON-TICKET RATES :— | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. |
|---|---|---|
| | £40 | £30 |
| JOINT TICKET ... ... | £42 | £32 |

Special Ticket not available at intermediate stations, twelve months only : 1st Class, £30.

Full particulars of Tunbridge Wells and its surroundings will be found in "Tunbridge Wells of To-day," Homeland Handbook No. 2, from the publishers of this volume.

RENTS.—Very moderate, compared with other towns offering similar advantages.

RATES.—6s. in the £. PRICE OF GAS, 2s. 10d. per 1000 ft., with a sliding scale. The gas company is a progressive one. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per Board of Trade unit, with a ratio reduction to 3d. WATER SUPPLY, abundant and absolutely perfect.

SUBSOIL.—Principally sandstone, insuring great immunity from fog and damp.

ALTITUDE.—400 to 500 ft. above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—12·59 per 1000 in 1904.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

POPULATION.—33,388 (1901).

SPORTS AND RECREATIONS.—County Cricket Week in July. West Kent Foxhounds, Eridge Foxhounds. The former are out three days—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; and the latter two days—Tuesday and Saturday. East Surrey Hounds and Edenbridge Harriers, West Kent Woodland Steeplechases. Lingfield Races. Tunbridge Wells Whit Monday Sports are a popular institution, and are witnessed by thousands of persons. Tunbridge Wells and South Eastern Counties Agricultural Societies' Show, flower shows, and other out-of-door attractions are periodically organised. There are many cricket, cycling, football, swimming, polo, and golf clubs.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Church of King Charles the Martyr; Christ Church, High Street; Trinity Church, Church Road; St. Mark's Broadwater, Down Street; St. Barnabas, Stanley Road; St. James, Sandrock Road; St. Peter's, Windmill Fields; St. John's Church, St. John's Road; St. Paul's, Rusthall; Mount Pleasant Congregational Church; Albion Road Congregational Church; Wesleyan Church, Vale Road; Baptist Tabernacle, Calverley Road; Hanover Baptist Chapel (strict), Hanover Road; Rehoboth Baptist Chapel (strict); Emmanuel Church (Countess of Huntingdon's connexion); Primitive Methodist Chapel; St. John's Road Free Church; The Brethren, Camden Hall; Society of Friends, etc., etc.

IMPORTANT SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Skinner's School, St. John's Road; Principal, Rev. F. G. Knott, M.A. Richmond House School, 53, Upper Grosvenor Road; Principal, Mr. H. Sindall. King Charles' School, Cumberland Walk; Principal, Mr. W. A. Diggens. GIRLS: Hamilton House, Amherst Road; Principal, Miss Goldie. High School, Cambridge House, Camden Park; Principal, Miss Julian. "Guildown," 55, Upper Grosvenor Road; Principals, The Misses Burbidge and Biggs.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS:—

*Estate Agent*—EDWARD JAS. CARTER, The Pantiles.

*Stationer and Fancy Goods*—H. G. GROVES, The Pantiles.

*See page* 256.

# Twickenham, Middlesex.

THE once old-world riverside village of Twickenham-on-Thames, has to-day, with its merged districts of St. Margaret's, Whitton, and Strawberry Hill, a population of over 26,000.

Though lying on low ground it drains quickly, having a subsoil of river gravel, and its healthiness is apparent from the low death-rate.

The chief feature of interest is naturally the river, and the reach upon which Twickenham is situated is that which forms so prominent a feature in the renowned view from Richmond Hill.

The district enjoys many open spaces dedicated to public use, one of which, Marble Hill Park, has been rescued from the builder as a result of the effort to preserve the view just referred to.

The pleasure grounds of Radnor House abut upon the River Thames, which has a great attraction for all who love water sports, while the surrounding neighbourhood contains much that is of interest. The proximity of Hampton Court, Bushey and Richmond Parks, and Kew Gardens affords many opportunities of pleasurable excursions with little trouble, and among other places of interest may be included Isleworth, Brentford, Kingston, and Teddington. Free Concerts are held throughout the summer season at the Royal Military College of Music at Kneller Hall.

The marketing facilities are good, there being a number of good-class shops. Houses to suit all pockets are available, and are, as a rule, of attractive design and convenient in arrangement.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Three stations serve the district: Twickenham, St. Margaret's, and Strawberry Hill, the first being the junction on the London and South-Western Railway for the Windsor, Reading, Hounslow, Kingston, and Shepperton lines. About 300 trains run between Twickenham and London every weekday.

The FARES from Waterloo are as follows:—

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 1/6 | 1/2 | 11d. |
| RETURN ... | 2/4 | 1/10 | 1/6 |

There are also services of trains from Gunnersbury, and from Ludgate Hill *via* Clapham Junction.

Electric trams to and from Shepherd's Bush, Hammersmith, Richmond, Hampton Court, and Kingston make communication with these places remarkably easy and cheap.

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—1st class, £17; 2nd class, £12 15s. per annum; 3rd class, £2 11s. quarterly.

RENTS to suit all classes.

RATES.—6s. 10d. in the £. GAS, 2s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 5d. per B.T. unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel.

ALTITUDE.—Average 30ft. above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—10·5 per 1000.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

POPULATION.—26,000 (Est.).

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Grosvenor School; Principal, F. Jago. GIRLS: Queen's College, Amyand Park Road; Principal, Mrs. Stanley Mansfield. Twickenham College, Richmond Road; Principal, Miss Hobbs. The High School, The Green; Principals, Mrs. Chapman and Miss Harris.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's Parish Church, Holy Trinity Church, St. Stephen's Church, St. Philip and St. James Roman Catholic Church, Christ Church (Wesleyan), Baptist, and Congregational Churches.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.—Twickenham Rowing Club, the Town Rowing Club. CRICKET CLUBS: Waldegrave Park C. C., Orleans C. C., Hawthorne C. C., Twickenham Town C. C., Grosvenor C. C. Clifden Athletic Club. GOLF CLUBS: Strawberry Hill and Fulwell. At the latter place, just outside the parish boundary, what are claimed to be the largest links in England have recently been opened (see under Hampton). Football Clubs (Association and Rugby), Swimming Club, under the control of the Council, Badminton and Rifle Clubs.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES:—

*Estate Agents*—BALLARD & MARSH, Facing Station, Twickenham.

*Baker and Confectioner*—F. WITT, 16, Heath Road, Twickenham.

*Dairymen*—MUSGRAVE AND CO., 46, London Road.

*Furniture Removals*—WINTOUR PHELPS & SONS, Broad Street, Teddington.

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# Upper Norwood and Gipsy Hill, Surrey.

UPPER NORWOOD is that part of the large district which, deriving it name from the thick woods once lying to the north of the ecclesiastical town of Croydon, extends along the range of hills from Beulah Spa to the site upon which the Crystal Palace stands.

In Aubrey's time it was wood and nothing more—the haunt of gipsies, who have left the record of their occupation in the name of Gipsy Hill.

In the earlier half of the last century the chalybeate spring which had been known to, and was a resort of, the rustics of the district, was exploited by the then owner of the ground surrounding it, and Beulah Spa became a fashionable watering place for a brief period. On its collapse, caused by the increasing popularity of various seaside resorts and the facilities of travel, it was handed over to the builder.

The air of Upper Norwood has always been famous for its bracing quality. Its situation on the range of hills, rising to an altitude of over 300 ft. above sea level, which border the London basin and overlook to the south the counties of Kent and Surrey, raises it above the mists, and in consequence this healthy locality is often recommended as a place of sojourn for invalids. Many eminent personages have resided on the hill, or stayed for considerable periods at the large hotels.

The ridge of hills gently slopes away on every side and is dotted with villas, each with its surrounding garden, the well-kept roads and paths adding materially to its desirability as a residential situation.

The erection of the Crystal Palace, which is situated partly in Norwood and partly in Camberwell, stimulated, in 1854, the growth of the district, and was a great factor in deciding the character of the building carried on during the latter half of the last century. Its beautiful gardens and park of two hundred acres, its fine art courts, containing casts of ancient and modern statuary, examples of architecture and picture galleries, are educational in a high degree.

Exhibitions and shows held here during the year include automobile and cycle, kennel, cat, poultry, cage-birds, flower and fruit, and other clubs; firework displays, oratorio performances by the Handel Festival Choir; Saturday classical concerts during the winter; polo, football, and cricket matches; cycle races and other sports and entertainments daily. Access from all District, Metropolitan, and suburban railway stations, by means of the London and Brighton and Chatham and Dover Railways, at cheap fares, including admission. Admission (unless otherwise advertised), 1s. Annual tickets, £1 1s.

Upper Norwood is now united with all the surrounding parishes—Croydon, Lambeth, Camberwell, Lewisham, and the Hamlet of Penge—and accommodation for all classes is available.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Served by the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, and the High Level line of the Chatham section of South Eastern and Chatham Railway, communication is easy with both the City and West End. The stations are Crystal Palace

and Gipsy Hill communicating with London Bridge and Victoria; Crystal Palace (High Level), with St. Paul's, Ludgate Hill, Holborn, and Victoria.

The FARES are as follows:—

Crystal Palace and Gipsy Hill (L. B. & S. C. Railway), to London Bridge and Victoria, and Crystal Palace (S. E. & C. Railway High Level) to Victoria or Holborn.

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 1/3 | 1/- | 7d. |
| RETURN ... ... | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/- |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—S. E. & C. Railway, 1st class, £12; 2nd class, £8. Day and Season Tickets at slightly increased fares to Farringdon Street, Moorgate Street, and King's Cross, from the High Level Station. L. B. & S. C. Railway, 1st class, £12; 2nd class, £8. A reduction of from 5 to 15 per cent. is made when two or more members of a family take season tickets.

RENTS.—Houses to suit all classes are available at rents varying from £24 to £250.

RATES.—5s. 8d. in the £ (lower than any other suburb of London). GAS, 2s. 5d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT in course of installation.

SUBSOIL.—Clay.

ALTITUDE.—Nearly 400 ft. above sea level at highest point.

POPULATION.—22,500 (est.).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Dulwich College; Head Master, A. H. Gilkes, M.A. Preparatory; Rev. J. H. Mallinson, M.A. Preparatory—"Brightlands," Dulwich; V. G. O. McLaughlin. Groom's College, 10, Anerley Road; Principal, Mr. George Groom, F.I.P.S. Anerley College, Weighton Road, Anerley; Principal, Mr. W. Edgar Wood, B.A., LL.B. **Kent House College,** Croydon Road, Anerley; Principal, Mr. C. H. Rollison. GIRLS: Sydenham High School, West Hill, Sydenham; Principal, Miss Sheldon.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—All Saints, Church Road; St. John's, Auckland Road; St. Paul's, Hamlet Road; Baptist Church, Central Hill; Congregational Church, St. Aubyn's Road; Convent of the Faithful Virgin, Central Hill.

PLACE OF AMUSEMENT.—The Crystal Palace.

PUBLIC RECREATION GROUND.—Grange Wood.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT UPPER AND WEST NORWOOD, ETC.:—

*Estate Agents*—MESSRS. MONEY & JOHNSTON, Crystal Palace Station, Low Level.

*Furnishing*—SIMMONS & SONS, 47 and 49, Westow Street.

*Dairy*—C. F. THWAITE, 202, Knight's Hill, West Norwood.

*Boys' School*—KENT HOUSE COLLEGE; Principal, Mr. C. H. Rollison, Anerley Street.

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# Uxbridge, Middlesex.

THE advent of electric trams is bringing such places as Uxbridge into prominence as desirable residential centres, and its rapid growth may almost be dated from their inauguration. It is an ancient borough, fifteen and a half miles from Paddington, pleasantly situated on the south-west slope of the range of hills at the foot of which flow the twin rivers, the Colne and Frays, the latter passing through the lower portion of the town. The high road to Wycombe and Oxford crosses the Grand Junction Canal, which runs between the two rivers. The Colne and the canal are a great source of convenience for trade, the corn mills on the former supplying a large quantity of flour to the London market. Until comparatively recently the district was one of market gardeners; other industries, such as brewing, malting, milling, and agricultural works are now superseding them. The town, which stands high (100 ft. to 200 ft.), is built on a subsoil chiefly gravel, with the result that it is healthy and clean, and quickly dries up after rain. It boasts a common of 15 acres, situated in a most elevated position close to the town, and a fine town hall, in a prominent place in the High Street and near the railway station. Gas and electric light are both available for illumination. The country round is delightful, and for those who are interested in literary and historical associations, such names as Gray, Milton, Penn, Hampden, and Beaconsfield will prove an attraction to visit the scenes connected with them—Stoke Poges, Burnham Beeches, and the Chalfonts.*

Modern houses at moderate rentals are to be obtained in Uxbridge, and building will no doubt continue to meet the growing demand.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—A branch line of the Great Western Railway from West Drayton serves Uxbridge, and a new station at Cowley has recently been opened for the benefit of residents at Cowley and Hillingdon. The fastest trains cover the distance by this route in about thirty minutes from Paddington, or forty minutes from Bishop's Road. The new route from Baker Street occupies about forty-five minutes. There is also a service of trains from the Mansion House.

* See Homeland Handbook, No. 33, "The Chalfont Country, South Bucks," from the publishers of this volume.

The FARES are as follows :—

| From— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Paddington and Bishop's Road... | 2/- | 1/3 | 1/- | 3/- | 1/10 | 1/6 |
| Baker Street ... | 2/- | 1/3 | 1/- | 3/- | 1/10 | 1/6 |
| Mansion House | 3/- | 1/10 | 1/5 | 4/4 | 2/11 | 2/4 |
| Moorgate Street | 2/3 | 1/6 | 1/2 | 3/5 | 2/2 | 1/9 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :— Paddington : 1st class, £16 10s. ; 2nd class, £13 ; 3rd class, £10 5s. Baker Street : Same as above, but no 2nd class.

The Electric Tramway fare by through-car from Uxbridge to Shepherd's Bush is 5d. single. Workmen's return tickets, fare 4d. per passenger, changing cars at Southall.

RENTS.—Range upward to £150 per annum.

RATES.—8s. 3d. in the £. GAS, 3s. 9d. per 1000 cubic feet; 10 per cent. discount if used for heating and cooking.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and clay.

ALTITUDE.—100 ft. to 200 ft. above sea-level.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday.

POPULATION.—8585 (1901).

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Scarsdale Grammar School, Cumberland Lodge, Fairfield Road, Uxbridge; Principal, F. H. Crawford. Miss Smith, Coniston Lodge, Harefield Road. F. Seymour, Lancaster Road ; Miss Brown, Clifton House, St. Andrews (Preparatory). GIRLS : Miss Sutton, Matterdale, St. Andrews. Mrs. E. A. Cave, 69, St. Andrews (School and Kindergarten). Miss Hoare, 144, High Street (Preparatory).

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Margaret's Parish Church (centre of town) ; St. John the Evangelist, Uxbridge ; St. Andrew's Church, Hillingdon West ; St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon ; Providence Congregational Church, The Lynch ; Wesleyan Methodist Church, New Windsor Street ; Primitive Methodist Church, Lawn Road ; Catholic Apostolic Church, Montague Road ; Roman Catholic Chapel ; Friends' Meeting House, George Yard ; and Salvation Army, Montague Hill.

RECREATIONS.—Golf Club at Hillingdon ; nine holes ; Secretary, Charles M. Newton. Cricket, tennis, football, and cycling clubs, and a photographic association.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT UXBRIDGE :—

*Estate Agents*—GIBSON BROS., 80, St. Andrews.

*See page* 244.

# Wallington and Carshalton, Surrey.

SITUATED on rising ground, these two residential places are rapidly growing in popularity and in size. Served by two lines of the Brighton Railway, London is easily reached, and beautiful country is immediately accessible in the opposite direction. The roads are excellent for motoring and cycling, and there are charming walks by the river Wandle, and on the adjacent high ground towards Banstead. Many modern houses at rentals varying from £30 to £100, fitted in an up-to-date style, are available. Gas is the present illuminant, though electric light is supplied to some parts of Carshalton. In the centre of this village is a large expanse of water formed by the junction of the Wandle with numerous and copious springs. Excellent trout are in evidence in these waters. Beddington, with its picturesque old Church and historic park, is within an easy walk, while a service of omnibuses from Sutton to Croydon run frequently during the day. At Woodcote many Roman remains have been found, including urns, spearheads, etc., and foundations have been discovered which point to the probability of its being at one time a Roman Station. The land is largely used for market gardening, and crops of lavender, herbs, mint, and other garden produce are cultivated. Several sites are under consideration by the Wallington Council for a public park, and there are many facilities for all kinds of recreation. Football, cricket, and other clubs are available, and three golf clubs are easy of access, *viz.* Princes Club, Mitcham Common; Sutton Club, Banstead Downs; Epsom Club, Epsom Downs.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS.—Wallington is on the London Bridge, West Croydon, and Sutton line on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, and Carshalton is on the main Portsmouth line of the same Railway Company.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Wallington ... | 1/9 | 1/4 | 11d. | 2/6 | 2/3 | 1/8 |
| Carshalton ... | 1/9 | 1/4 | 10d. | 2/6 | 2/2 | 1/6 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—Tickets available from both stations to the City and West End: 1st class, £16 per annum; 2nd class, £10 per annum.

RENTS.—£30 to £250.

RATES.—6s. in the £ (Wallington), 7s. 8d. in the £ (Carshalton). GAS, 2s. 11d. per 1000 cubic feet. WATER, 5 per cent. on the rent. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. per B.T. unit, reduced to 2d. per B.T. unit after a proportionate consumption has been reached.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk, lower part Carshalton gravel.

ALTITUDE.—About 300 feet at Woodcote Green; Beech Tree Road, Carshalton, 110 feet; Wallington Station, 150 feet.

DEATH RATE.—11·5.

POPULATION.—Wallington, 7675; Carshalton, 7300; Beddington, about 6000 (estimated).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Wallington Grammar School; Principal, Mr. J. P. Blamey. GIRLS: Sterndale School; Principal, Miss Gamble. County High School for Girls; Principal, Miss Hunt.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Holy Trinity, All Saints', St. Mary's, St. Michael's and All Angels'. Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Tennis, football, cricket clubs; fishing and three golf clubs available. Prince's Golf Club, Mitcham; Secretary, H. Mallaby-Deeley. Subscription—£5 5s.; ladies, £3 3s. Entrance—£10 10s.; ladies, £2 2s. A sporting 18-hole course, excellent turf, well-kept greens, very dry, gravelly soil. Hazards—ponds, whins, ditches, gorse, and sand bunkers. Sutton Club, Banstead Downs; Secretary, E. J. Chessher. Subscription, £3 13s. 6d. Entrance—£3 3s. Course good and sporting, 18 holes, excellent turf, lies good, well-kept greens. Hazards—whins, roads, ditches, and rabbit warrens. Epsom Club; Secretary, Joseph F. Smith. Subscription—£1 11s. 6d. Entrance—£5 5s. Excellent course, three and a half miles in extent, 18 holes, well-kept greens, good turf. Hazards principally roads and whins.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT WALLINGTON:—

*Estate Agents*—MORGAN, BAINES, & CLARK, Woodcote and Ross Roads.

*Dairy*—THE WOODCOTE CREAMERY, 5, Woodcote Parade.

*Baker and Confectioner*—G. RIDDINGTON, Woodcote Road.

*Butcher*—GEORGE PANNETT, 3, Melbourne Terrace.

*See page* 259.

# Walton-on-Thames and Hersham, Surrey.

THE straggling township of Walton, seventeen miles from London, retains much of its old-fashioned appearance. It figures in history as the birthplace of Admiral Rodney, and as the place of residence of Bradshaw, who presided at the trial of King Charles I. According to tradition, the Thames was forded by Cæsar's army at a spot above where Walton Bridge now stands, and known as Cowey Stakes. The Britons, under Cassivelaunus, fortified the position with a stockade, and, it is stated, drove pointed stakes into the bed of the river to impede the Roman advance, but without avail.

The parish church of Walton, dedicated to St. Mary, is one of the few pre-Reformation churches in the district, and is of considerable interest to the antiquary.

The neighbouring village of Hersham, situated to the south of the railway and between Walton and the breezy common of Esher and the River Mole, is now almost connected with Walton by the villa residences which line the high road. Here lived in the seventeenth century a reputed astrologer named William Lilly, who combined his study of the occult with the duties of churchwarden, and is buried in Walton Church.

The surroundings of the district are practically the same as those of Weybridge. The Thames and the Mole afford excellent fishing, and opportunities for most outdoor recreations are available.

The combined townships, together with the district of Oatlands Park, are under the administration of the Walton Urban District Council, and an excellent water supply is derived from the works of the West Surrey Water Company.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the main line of the London and South Western Railway, 17 miles from Waterloo (Central Station).

| FARES :— | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... | 2/10 | 1/10 | 1/5 |
| RETURN ... | 4/ | 3/ | 2/6 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—1st class, £21 per annum; 2nd class, £15 15s. per annum; 3rd class, £3 3s. quarterly.

RENTS.—£22 to £500.

RATES.—6s. 6d. in the £. Gas, 3s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. and 3d. per B.T. unit on a sliding scale, or a flat rate of 6d. per unit. Power and heating 4d. and 1½d. per B.T. unit, or a flat rate of 2½d.

SUBSOIL.—Sand and gravel.

ALTITUDE.—30 to 60 feet.

DEATH RATE.—Low.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 o'clock.

POPULATION (1901).—Walton, 4585; Hersham, 4306; Oatlands, 1438.

SCHOOLS.—Boys: Weybridge School, Principal, J. M. Pike, M.A. (see under Weybridge and Kingston). GIRLS: St. Margaret's School, Oatlands Park, Principal, Miss W. D. Alcock. PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AND BOYS: Clifton, Hersham Road, Principal, Miss Mellor.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Walton: St. Mary's Parish Church, Baptist, Wesleyan Methodist Churches. Hersham: St. Peter's Parish Church and Congregational Church. Roman Catholic Church at Weybridge.

RECREATIONS. — Boating, Fishing. Excellent Golf Links in Ashley Park, close to the station; nine holes; hazards—ditches, artificial bunkers, etc.; splendid turf, very picturesque, and surrounded by beautiful woods. Hon. Sec., Albert Gibson, Golfwood, Walton-on-Thames. Entrance fee, £5 5s.; subscription, £3 3s.; monthly visitors, £1 10s. per month.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES :—

*Estate Agents*—WATERER & SONS, opposite the Railway Station, Walton-on-Thames.

*House Furnishers*—WATERER & SONS, Chertsey.

*Baker*—F. SHEPHERD, High Street, Walton.

*See page* 260.

# Warlingham and Whyteleafe, Surrey.

THE former village stands in a fine position on the chalk ridge of the North Downs, and rejoices in a healthy and bracing climate, which is making its growth rapid. Artistic modern houses, with good gardens attached, are built on the slopes of the hills, having extensive panoramic views over the surrounding country. The air is invigorating and pure, and the aspect is sunny. Three railway stations give easy access to the City and West End, the journey occupying about forty minutes. At present Warlingham is but a straggling village, but the market town of Croydon is only a few miles distant, and closer at hand Caterham Valley and town have some very good shops.

The country round is very undulating, with much arable land, the chief crops being wheat, barley, oats, and peas. There are also splendid tracts of common, on which gorse, heather, and bracken grow in rich profusion, and from which excellent views may be obtained; and on a clear day the Chiltern Hills may be seen stretching beyond the Thames Valley. A village green gives an old-world picturesqueness to the scene, and the architecture of the adjacent church is of some interest to archæologists. Tradition records that it was here that the Prayer-book of Edward VI. was first used. Delightful rambles may be taken in all directions. Woldingham, with the smallest church in Surrey, is on an adjacent ridge nearly 800 ft. above sea-level; Chelsham, Farley, Addington, Oxted, and Westerham are all rural districts, and comprise some of the loveliest scenery in the vicinity of London. Whyteleafe is situated in Caterham Valley close to the station of that name on the South Eastern and Chatham Railway (Caterham Branch), and houses of modest dimensions are being erected as required.

For further particulars of this district, see Westerham, Croydon, and Oxted, Nos. 5, 7 and 36 of The Homeland Handbooks, from the publishers of this volume.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Three railway stations, Warlingham and Whyteleafe on the Caterham Branch of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, and Upper Warlingham on the Croydon and Oxted line of the South Eastern, and of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge, Victoria, Cannon Street, and Charing Cross ... | 1st 2/6 | 2nd 1/10 | 3rd 1/3 | 1st 4/4 | 2nd 3/- | 3rd 2/1 |

Cheap Ticket Day to London, Wednesday.

| SEASON-TICKET RATES:— | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| L. B. & S. C. Ry. or S. E. & C. Ry. Joint Ticket | £20 | £15 | per annum. |
| | £24 | £18 | " " |

RENTS.—£60 to £300.

RATES.—5s. 5d. in the £. GAS, 3s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk.

ALTITUDE.—300 ft. to 700 ft.

POPULATION.—2,097.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 o'clock.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: St. Winifred's, Kenley; Principal, the Rev. S. T. W. Shilcock, M.A. GIRLS: Ravenscroft High School; Principal, Miss Mullins. **Kumara School**; Principal, Miss Brown.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—All Saints, St. Luke's, Wesleyan.

RECREATIONS.—HUNTING, with Surrey Staghounds and East Surrey and Burstow Foxhounds. WARLINGHAM GOLF CLUB, near the station; nine holes; Secretary, Francis S. Huskisson, Hill Brow, Warlingham. NORTH DOWNS GOLF CLUB; 9 holes; Secretary, W. A. Hughes, The Conifers, Woldingham.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT WARLINGHAM AND WHYTELEAFE:—

*Estate Agents and Auctioneers*—BATCHELAR AND SON, Upper Warlingham Station.

*Butcher*—W. F. SKILTON, Southdown House, Whyteleafe.

*Provision Merchants*—STEVENSON'S STORES, Whyteleafe.

*Coal Merchant*—F. G. NICHOLS, Godstone Road, Whyteleafe.

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# Weybridge, Surrey.

AT the confluence of the Wey and the Thames, and between, but to the south of Chertsey and Walton, the beautiful town of Weybridge stands on the edge of the breezy heaths and pine-clothed slopes of the ridge of Bagshot sand forming the north-western section of the Surrey Hills. Apart from the actual business portion, the buildings are scattered, and the well-wooded grounds of the surrounding residential districts add greatly to the attractiveness of the town.

The pine-clad slopes of St. George's Hill, which are open to the public by the generosity of the family of the late Admiral Egerton, lie to the south of the town at a distance of about a mile from the station. The highest point is about 250 feet above sea level, and commands superb views over the valley of the Thames and the surrounding country.

On the southern slopes are the remains of some large earthworks which, though known as Cæsar's Camp, are evidently of much earlier date than the Roman occupation. It is possible that, in common with many other such works, the Legionaries made use of an existing encampment; and the legend of the Cowey Stakes passage at Walton would point to the occupation of this strategic point.

Below Shepperton Lock, on a small island, stands Eyot House, the residence of Mrs. D'Oyley Carte, and Shepperton Village is about half a mile away on the Middlesex Shore.

The boating on the Thames and the Wey is excellent; the rivers are very dissimilar in scenery, which is an added advantage to the pleasure-seeking oarsman. Near the lock is some excellent Thames trout-fishing.

The surroundings of the town contain much of interest, and for all who are fond of outdoor exercise of any kind the district is unrivalled. A glance at the map will give the pedestrian a great choice of routes, and the roads are the best possible for votaries of the wheel.

Oatlands, once the residence of Henry VIII., was burnt down and was rebuilt by the Duke of York at the end of the eighteenth century. It is now a large residential hotel. The famous Grotto, said to have cost the Duke of Newcastle £40,000, is now in the grounds of Mr. Justice Swinfen-Eady's house, but can be viewed on application.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—On the main line of the London and South Western Railway, Weybridge is the junction with the Staines and Windsor Branch.

| FARES:— | 1st Class | 2nd Class | 3rd Class |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE ... ... | 3/2 | 2/- | 1/7 |
| RETURN... ... | 5/- | 3/6 | 2/10 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—1st class, £22; 2nd class, £16 10s., per annum; 3rd class, £3 6s. per quarter.

RENTS.—£30 to £350.

RATES.—6s. 5d. in the £. GAS, 3s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 7d. and 3d. per B.T. unit on a sliding scale, or a flat rate of 6d. per unit; power and heating, 4d. and 1½d. per B.T. unit, or a flat rate of 2½d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel and sand.

ALTITUDE.—Rising at St. George's Hill to 245 ft.

DEATH RATE.—9·7 per 1000.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Thursday, 2 o'clock.

POPULATION.—5877 (1901).

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Weybridge School, Oatlands Drive; Principal, J. M. Pike, M.A. Weybridge Collegiate School, Springfield Hall, Springfield Lane; Principal, Rev. W. Harrison Towle (Commercial). St. George's College, Woburn Hill (Roman Catholic). GIRLS: St. Margaret's School, Oatlands Park; Principal, Miss W. D. Alcock. Weybridge Ladies' School, Heathlands; Principals, Miss E. A. S. Davies, M.A., D.Lit., and Miss Davies, M.A. St. Mawes High Class Boarding School (Roman Catholic). Preparatory (Boys and Girls), Woodside; Principal, Miss Slade.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Parish Church of St. James, St. Michael and All Angels, Congregational, Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, and Plymouth Brethren.

RECREATIONS.—Boating on the Thames, Wey, and the Basingstoke Canal; Angling—Walton, Chertsey, and Addlestone Angling Associations. Golf, see under Woking and Walton.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES:—

*Estate Agents*—WATERER & SONS, Weybridge Station.

*Dairyman*—C. H. COLEMAN, Court Creameries, 2, The Quadrant.

*Butchers*—W. DALE & SONS, Aberdeen House, Weybridge.

*House Furnishers*—WATERER & SONS, Chertsey.

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# Wimbledon, Surrey.

THE principal residential part of this suburb is situated on three sides of a hill, each providing extensive views —over the Surrey Hills to the south, to Big Ben's tower, the dome of St. Paul's to the north-east, and the heights of Highgate and Hampstead to the north. The Common, which is nearly 200 ft. above sea-level, provides a healthy and bracing air; it has a gravel soil, and houses are eagerly sought after. To meet this demand, many are being built, both artistic in design and pleasantly situated, at rents varying according to the position. Every facility exists for recreation. Golf enthusiasts can have the choice of three excellent links, and clubs are providing for lawn tennis, croquet, polo, cricket, hockey, and lacrosse. Every year the All England Lawn Tennis Championship is played in the grounds of the All England Club, within a few minutes' walk of the station. The town, which has good shops, is well lighted with electricity, and has an effective system of drainage. The roads are wide and well kept, and dry quickly after rain. The facilities for riding and cycling afforded by Richmond Park and the Common are exceptionally good. Wimbledon is well supplied with public buildings, and the local telephone service can be connected with London by either the Government or National Telephone Company's systems.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS. — A frequent service to Waterloo throughout the day, connected with the City by the Waterloo and City Railway. Between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. one train leaves for Waterloo every five minutes. There is also direct communication by the District Railway to the West End *viâ* Earl's Court, Kensington, and Victoria; and by the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway to Victoria and London Bridge. Wimbledon, Croydon, and Streatham are also connected by this railway company.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo ... ... | 1/3 | -/10 | -/7 | 1/9 | 1/4 | -/11 |
| Ludgate Hill ... | 1/7 | 1/3 | -/10½ | 2/3 | 1/9 | 1/3 |
| London Bridge and Victoria ... ... | 1/6 | 1/2 | -/10 | 2/6 | 1/9 | 1/3 |
| Mansion House ... | 1/5 | -/11 | -/8 | 2/1 | 1/5 | 1/1 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—Waterloo: 1st class, £15; 2nd class, £9 10s. per annum; 3rd class, 38s. per quarter. London Bridge or Victoria or Ludgate Hill: 1st class, £17 10s; 2nd class, £11 15s. per annum.

RENTS.—Suitable for all classes. Rates, 6s. 4d. in the £. GAS, 3s. 6d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 4½d. per B.T. unit, reduced on quantity.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel generally.

ALTITUDE.—About 200 ft.

DEATH RATE.—10·2 per 1000.

POPULATION.—49,000 (est.).

EARLY CLOSING DAYS.—Some of the shops Wednesday, 2 p.m., and some on Saturday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: King's College School; Principal, Rev. C. W. Bourne. **Wimbledon College, Edge Hill;** Principal, Father O'Hare. St. Katherine's; Principal, Mrs. Ffrench-Falkiner. GIRLS: High School; Principal, Miss Hastings. The Study; Principal, Miss Farmer.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—The old parish Church of St. Mary, Christ Church, Holy Trinity, All Saints', St. Mark's, Nonconformist Churches of all denominations, including the beautiful Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, Edge Hill.

RECREATIONS.—Tennis, polo, hockey, football, lacrosse. Four golf clubs, having 18-hole courses. Royal Wimbledon Golf Club; Secretary, Walter J. Hughes. Wimbledon Ladies' Golf Club; 9 holes; Secretary, K. G. Tee. The London Scottish; Secretary, J. Duncan; subscription, £3 3s.; entrance, £10 10s. Wimbledon Park Golf Club; Secretary, E. O. Pope; subscription, £5 5s.; entrance, £4 4s. Ladies play over the same links. Raynes Park Golf Club; Secretary, W. F. Mapleston; subscription, £4 4s.; entrance fee, £4 4s. Good sporting course, well-kept greens, hazards—ditches, hedges, trees, and an arm of the lake.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES:—

*Estate Agents*—HAMPTON & SONS, Wimbledon Common.
*House Furnishers*—HAMPTON & SONS, Pall Mall East.
*Corn Merchant*—H. Poulter, 9, The Broadway.
*Drapers*—Wimbledon Drapery Stores, 30 & 31, The Broadway.

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# Windsor, Berkshire.

DOMINATED by the Castle, and situated on the right bank of the river Thames, twenty-one miles by rail from London, Windsor, or Windleshore as it was originally called, presumably from its winding river, stands on the side of a hill, and from the river and surrounding country presents a most picturesque appearance.

It is an ancient borough, and William the Conqueror built the first castle there. The river, with its sweeping curves and willow-bordered banks, is so full of charm, and the facilities for rowing, sculling, and sailing so many, that it would be hard to find a more delightful place. It has good streets and excellent shops and numerous private dwellings, though the modern houses are more on the outskirts of the town. The Town Hall in the High Street was designed by Sir Christopher Wren, and contains some fine portraits of royal and other celebrities. There are many delightful excursions to be taken in the neighbourhood. By water, Datchet, Egham, Staines, and Chertsey, or Maidenhead, Taplow, Cookham, and Marlow are all easily accessible; while by land, through charming and diversified scenery, there is Ascot, Sunninghill, Virginia Water, and Windsor Great Park, which is open freely to the public, as is the Castle when the Court is not in residence. There is good fishing, and the weir at the back of the New Inn at Eton is renowned for the fine trout to be caught there. There are several golf clubs within easy reach, the nearest, at Datchet, one and a half miles distant, having a 9-hole course; while Burnham and Sunningdale, six and seven miles respectively, each have 18-hole courses. Windsor holds an annual regatta. The G.W. Ry. Co. run motor omnibuses to Ascot and to Slough frequently during the day, and horse omnibus communication is available to Old Windsor and Maidenhead.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—From Paddington on the Great Western Railway or Waterloo on the London and South Western Railway. Another route is to the Mansion House on the District Railway by changing carriages at Ealing Broadway.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Paddington ... ... | 3/6 | 2/3 | 1/9 | 5/6 | 3/9 | 3/- |
| Waterloo ... ... | 3/6 | 2/3 | 1/9 | 5/6 | 4/o | 3/6 |
| Friday, Saturday, Sunday to Tuesday on both lines | | | | 4/6 | 3/6 | 2/9 |
| Mansion House ... | 3/11 | 2/6 | 2/- | 6/5 | 4/5 | 3/10 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—Paddington : 1st class, £24 ; 2nd class, £18 per annum ; 3rd class, £14. Waterloo : 1st class, £24 ; 2nd class, £18 per annum.

RENTS.—From £40 to £400 per annum.

RATES.—About 7s. in the £. GAS, 3s. 6d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per unit.

SUBSOIL.—Chalk, gravel, and clay.

ALTITUDE.—From 60 to 200 feet above sea level.

DEATH RATE.—Actual, 13·0.

POPULATION.—13,958 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Eton College ; Head Master, Rev. Canon Lyttelton. Abingdon House School ; Principal, Mr. Nutter Barker, B.A. St. Mark's School ; Rev. C. N. Nagel. GIRLS : St. Stephen's High School, Clewer ; Head Mistress, Miss Stoker.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—Chapel Royal, St. John's (parish), Holy Trinity, All Saints, Church of the Saviour, Roman Catholic and Nonconformist Churches of all denominations.

RECREATIONS.—Boating, swimming, hunting, fishing, polo, cricket, tennis, football. Datchet Golf Club (one and a half miles distant) ; 9 holes ; Secretaries, S. M. Monkland and E. G. Robinson. Burnham (six miles) ; 18 holes ; Hon. Secretary, A. Virgo Buckland. Sunningdale (seven miles) ; Secretary, H. S. Colt. Subscription £5 5s., entrance, £15 15s. Course, 18 holes, very fine and sporting ; soil sandy, turf excellent, greens good, undulating ground.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT WINDSOR :—

*Estate Agents*—BUCKLAND & SONS, and at Slough and London.

*Bakers and Confectioners*—LAYTON BROS, LTD., 1, Thames Street.

*Motor Works*—THE WINDSOR MOTOR AND ENGINEERING CO., LTD., 5, 7 and 9, Sheet Street.

*Dairy*—THE WEST LONDON DAIRY CO., LTD., 120, Peascod Street.

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# Woking, Surrey.

AS a residential neighbourhood, twenty-four and a half miles from London, Woking must take a prominent place, for it is an exceptionally healthy spot, with very beautiful surroundings. Possessing as it does a dry and porous soil, and standing at a considerable elevation, the district is well suited for building, and all the modern houses are as perfect as present-day sanitation can make them. The river Thames is only six miles distant, providing excellent facilities for boating and fishing. The river Wey runs through old Woking village, is navigable as far as Guildford, and is acknowledged to be one of the most delightful waterways for boating. The golf links are widely renowned. For hunting men the country covered by the West Surrey Stag Hounds and the Surrey Union Fox Hounds is close at hand, the Ripley and Knaphill Harriers are out twice a week, and there is a pack of beagles kennelled at Horsell, also out twice a week. For men of leisure this place should be an ideal spot, and for those whose work necessitates daily visits to London an excellent service of trains will take them to Waterloo in from thirty-five to fifty minutes. There are in all over ninety trains up and down in the course of the day. Many well-known people have had residences here, amongst whom may be mentioned the Dowager Duchess of Manchester, Hon. Gerald Balfour, Hon. Alfred Lyttleton, Sir Charles Dilke, Sir Joseph Leese, Mr. W. S. Penley, Mr. Bernard Shaw, and others. On rising ground near the west side of the river Wey stands the ancient mansion of Sutton Place, erected about 1550, and now occupied by Sir Alfred Harmsworth. The race-courses of Ascot, Sandown, and Hurst Park are easily accessible. Much of the parish consists of virgin heath and common land, and to this it owes the purity and wholesomeness of its air. The new town has sprung up round the station, and here are the principal shops. Rents on the whole are moderate, and there are good schools in the neighbourhood.

For further particulars of this district, see "Woking and Ripley," No. 42 of the Homeland Handbooks, from the publishers of this volume.

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RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.—Woking is on the main line of London and South Western Railway, and enjoys a splendid service of fast trains.

| FARES :— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo ... ... | 4/1 | 2/6 | 2/- | 7/2 | 4/6 | 3/8 |
| Cheap return tickets on Wednesday | | | | 5/- | 3/3 | 2/- |

SEASON-TICKET RATES :—Waterloo : 1st Class, £24 ; 2nd Class, £18 per annum ; 3rd Class, £3 12s. quarterly.

RENTS.—From £70 to £250 per annum.

RATES.—Vary in different wards. 6s. 6d. in the £. GAS, 4s. 3d. per 1000 cubic feet. ELECTRIC LIGHT, 6d. per B.T. unit.

SUBSOIL.—Bagshot sand.

ALTITUDE.—120 ft. to 180 ft.

DEATH RATE.—9·7.

POPULATION.—16,222 (1901).

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 1 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS : Mount Hermon ; Principal, G. E. Oxley, M.A. Horsell ; Principal, A. F. Saunders. Modern School ; Principal, J. Tomlinson. GIRLS : Woking High School ; Principal, Miss Coulton. "Cotteridge" ; Principals, Misses Dawes and Sladen.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Peter's, Christ Church, St. John the Baptist, St. Paul's, Holy Trinity, Roman Catholic, Congregational, and other Nonconformist Churches.

RECREATIONS.—Harriers, beagles, cricket, tennis, football, hockey, badminton, fishing and boating. Woking Golf Club ; Secretary, J. T. Greening ; a very sporting course, 18 holes, good greens, good driving required, light and sandy soil, excellent turf ; hazards,—trees, gorse, high banks, sand-pits, bunkers, and a pool.

BANKS.—London and South Western, London and County, Capital and Counties, and Barclay's.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT WOKING :—

*Estate Agents*—DOWSETT & MANN, Onslow Buildings.

*Laundry*—MAYBURY LAUNDRY, Woking.

*Sanitary Engineers*—R. PAIN & SON, High Street.

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# Worcester Park, Surrey.

DISTANT but ten and a half miles from London on the Leatherhead branch of the London and South Western Railway, Worcester Park is situated about midway between Sutton and Surbiton. Good residences are to be had at rentals from £30 to £300 per annum. Many of the more important houses stand in large grounds, and thereby tend to keep the place from being densely built upon. The river at Kingston, Surbiton, or Thames Ditton is easily accessible. Worcester Park itself once formed part of Nonsuch Park, the land which Henry VIII. appropriated from the Abbey of Merton. The palace which he began was a favourite residence of Queen Elizabeth, and Charles II. afterwards gave it to the Duchess of Cleveland. After some time the palace was demolished, and the land cut up into farms. There are many delightful walks in the neighbourhood, and the roads are excellent for driving, motoring, and cycling. There are also good facilities for sports and outdoor recreation. The Worcester Park Beagles, which have their kennels here, are amongst the most renowned in the county. Raynes Park and Epsom Golf Clubs are easily reached, both being excellent courses. Educational advantages are good at Epsom, Sutton, Wimbledon, and Kingston, and there are also a few private schools in the immediate vicinity. Cheam has a school for which it has long been famous; it was founded in the year of the Great Plague. Chessington is one of the neighbouring villages, and is probably of some antiquity; Roman coins have been found near it. The pretty village of Old Malden, with its venerable and picturesque church, is less than a mile from the railway station.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION. — On the Leatherhead branch of the London and South-Western Railway. Worcester Park is the station for Cheam Common.

| FARES:— | SINGLE. | | | RETURN. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Waterloo ... ... | 1/9 | 1/2 | /10½ | 2/- | 1/6 | 1/4 |

SEASON-TICKET RATES:—Waterloo: 1st Class, £16; 2nd Class, £12 per annum; 3rd Class, £2 8s. quarterly.

RENTS.—£30 to £300 per annum.

RATES.—Rural district, about 6s. in the £. Urban district, 7s. in the £. GAS, 2s. 10d. per 1000 cubic feet.

SUBSOIL.—Gravel, sand, and clay.

ALTITUDE.—76 ft. to 120 ft.

DEATH RATE.—10·4.

POPULATION.—About 2000.

EARLY CLOSING DAY.—Wednesday, 2 p.m.

SCHOOLS.—BOYS: Young Gentlemen's School, Ewell Road; Principal, A. V. Pott. GIRLS: Worcester Park Ladies' School; Principal, Miss Walsh. Worcester Park Collegiate School, Cheam Common, Principal, Miss Page, M.C.P.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.—St. Mary's, Worcester Park, and St. John's, Old Malden.

RECREATIONS.—Polo, tennis, and hockey clubs. Raynes Park Golf Club; Secretary, W. F. Mapleston. Subscription £4, Ladies £1 1s. Entrance, £4. Sporting course, 18 holes, greens well guarded, good turf; hazards—streams, trees, hedges, bunkers. Epsom Golf Club; Secretary, Jos. F. Smith. Subscription £1 11s. 6d., entrance £5 5s. Excellent course, 18 holes, well-kept greens, good turf; hazards, principally roads and whins.

USEFUL BUSINESS HOUSES AT WORCESTER PARK:—

*Estate Agents*—MILWARD & SONS, Worcester Park.

*Dairymen*—THE WORCESTER PARK DAIRIES 3, Park Terrace, Worcester Park.

*Builders*—ALFRED OXENHAM & SON, Worcester Park.

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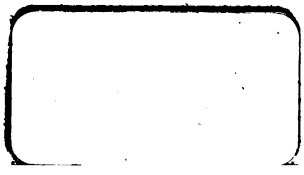
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